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INDIAN ARMY TROOPS ENTER KOTLI

Retreating Raiders Burn Eighty Villages

Sheikh Abdulla In Delhi

NEW DELHI, November 26. (A.P.I.): The Indian Army troops today, entered Kotli according to tonight's Defence Ministry Communique.

The Communique says:

"The besieged Kashmir and Jammu State Force garrison at Kotli was relieved today by Indian Army Troops.

The raiders who had surrounded this garrison for several days fled when our troops approached Kotli.

In the Uri area our troops engaged a party of raiders on whom casualties were inflicted.

Royal Indian Air Force aircraft strafed known raiders' positions".

In a despatch sent from Jammu before the capture of Kotli the "Associated Press of India" Special Correspondent stated:

The latest reports state that the raiders 'are rapidly withdrawing', leaving behind a trail of ruin—burning all the houses, and massacring people. Although the main body of the raiders is retreating, snipers are trying their utmost to delay the advance of Indian troops, using mortars and machine-guns.

A STORY AND ITS SEQUEL

A few hours after Indian troops had taken a commanding feature within eight miles of Kotli, a runner came in from Pilandari, headquarters of the 'Provisional Government of Kashmir' set up by the raiders. Instead of reporting to the Commanding Officer of the invaders whom he had expected to find, the runner told an Indian officer that his mission had been to give the invaders location of Indian Army guns and the information that more mortars were on their way to Bolster the invaders defence.

This is regarded in military circles as further confirmation that Pilandari, which is just inside the Poonch border adjoining Pakistan is the 'nerve centre of attacks which have been going on along the hundred-mile front for the last six weeks.

80 VILLAGES BURNT DOWN

Forty villages about twenty miles west of Akhnur in the Mirpur district have been burnt down by the invaders firing tracers into thatched roofs.

Thousands of refugees are pouring eastwards to get within the Indian Army perimeter.

Two days ago armed tribesmen staged a large-scale organised attack on Devbatala 40 miles northwest of Jammu.

The inhabitants of the town—majority of them Rajputs—rose up as one man against the enemy, who came in military vehicles and on horseback, and gave fight until they were overpowered. Most of the inhabitants are reported to have been 'massacred' by the invaders. Forty adjoining villages are also reported to have been burnt.

Hundreds of women have been killed or abducted from these villages.

REDUCED TO DUST

Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Bakshi, Chief Emergency Officer, Jammu province, who visited Batala yesterday said on his return that

'Devbatala and the adjoining villages have been reduced to dust. Muslims have been as mercilessly butchered as Hindus by the raiders who said they had come to save the Muslims of the State."

Mr. Bakshi declared that as in the Kashmir Valley, there was no doubt that the raiders were being supplied with arms, ammunition, food, military trucks, petrol etc., by the Pakistan Government.

Mr. Bakshi urged that the Kashmir Government also be given arms to distribute amongst the population.

WOMEN SAVE THEIR HONOUR BY JUMPING INTO RIVER

SRINAGAR, Nov. 26. (U.P.I.): With the situation returning to normalcy atrocities committed by the raiders are coming to light writes the United Press of India special correspondent. The correspondent who visited Baramula which was captured by the raiders met more than one hundred women in one corner of the town who were converted and manhandled by the raiders.

It is stated that the raiders set up a "Jail" in the hills near Baramula They used to come down to the town in batches of 20 to 30, to loot people and to take away women between the ages of 14 and 30. Menfolk were also taken to this jail but were lodged separately. Women narrating their plight broke into tears and revealed inhuman atrocities pepetrated on them. One woman told that with the exception of a very few, all women taken to the "jail" were molested.

It is gathered that as many as fifty women jumped into the river from a bridge and drowned themselves to save their honour.

According to an unconfirmed report nearly 200 women were taken away by the raiders from Baramula alone.

Kashmir women's organisations are making enquiries from every house in the liberated areas and rendering succour to the needy. They have distributed saris and clothes to the sufferers.

SHEIKH ABDULLAH IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26, (A.P.I.): Sheikh Abdullah arrived in New Delhi this afternoon.

THIMMAYYA VISITS JAMMU

JAMMU, Nov. 26, (A.P.I.): Major General Thimmayya paid a visit to Jammu today. Soon after his arrival he conferred with General Kalwant Singh, Commander of Indian Forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

NATIONAL MILITIA FOR JAMMU

The Chief Emergency Officer for Jammu Province Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Kakshi has organised a National Militia and Peace Brigade in the Province on the same lines as in the Kashmir Valley. Batches of these volunteers are being sent to outlying towns in the Province.

RAIDERS' HQ. IN WEST PUNJAB

JAMMU, Nov. 26, (A.P.I.): Gujarat in West Punjab is the headquarters of tribesmen and others who are riding the Jammu Province especially Mirpur and Bhimbhar areas according to reports reaching here.

Thousands of Pathans fully armed are said to be concentrating in Gujrat, coming down in busses and on horseback before proceeding to Bhimber where a State garrison is still besieged by the raiders.

SERIOUS SETBACK TO PARTITION

Philippines And Greece To Vote Against U.N.O. Palestine Plan

FLUSHING, Nov. 26, (UPA): The programme to partition Palestine suffered a serious setback in the United Nations General Assembly today when Greece announced it would vote against the plan and the Philippines indicated its vote also would be in the opposition.

The development threatened to leave the partition five votes short of the two-thirds majority needed for final Assembly approval unless its supporters had succeeded overnight in rounding up additional votes.

Greece abstained yesterday when the Palestine Committee approved partition by a vote of 25 to 13 — one short of the two-thirds majority. The Philippines was absent.

Sir Alexander Cadogan Britain reminded the United Nations that Britain would not allow any of its troops or administrative officers in the Holy Land to participate in forcing a Jewish state on the Middle East.

ARAB RULERS TO CONFER

BAGDAD, Nov. 26, (Reuter): Kings and rulers of member States of the Arab League may at Bagdad or Beirut meet early next month to discuss the future of Palestine if the United Nations adopt a partition plan, it was learned authentically here today..

If the United Nations makes no decision on the Palestine question, the Arab League Assembly will meet instead to decide measures to be taken if British troops are withdrawn.

BID TO BREAK 'RED' COLUMN

Fierce Fighting Between Hopei Capital And Wangtu

NANKING, Nov. 26. (Reuter): Fierce fighting raged today between Paoting, Hopei provincial capital, and Wangtu, railway station only 35 miles away, as nationalist (Government) forces sought to break up a Communist column pushing up from the south, according to dispatches reaching here.

More than 100,000 Communist troops were said to be converging on the strategic railway city but Gen. Teng Wenyi, Government military spokesman, told a press conference today that Paoting was in no immediate danger. The Government spokesman also claimed that Nationalist troops still held Yuanshih.

IN MANCHURIA

In Manchuria, he stated, the Government has opened road and rail communications with Changchun, Manchurian capital, and nationalist forces are consolidating. The Government recently disclosed Communist forces occupy about 90 per cent of the total area of Manchuria and control approximately 62 per cent of the 50,000,000 population.

10 PERSONS KILLED DURING ELECTIONS

NANKING, Nov. 26. (U. P. A.): More than 10 persons were killed or injured in Changsha, capital of Hunan province, in the first election violence reported throughout China, dispatches said today.

JAPS NATIONALISE COAL

TOKYO, Nov. 26, (Reuter): The Japanese House of Representatives last night passed a Bill for the nationalisation of the coal industry.

ASSEMBLY PASSES RAILWAY DEMANDS

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26, (A. P. I.): In the Indian legislature today the Transport Minister, Dr. John Matthai, as a token of his "earnest desire to carry out the wishes of the House and to implement whatever recommendations made in the course of the debate" agreed to a cut of Rs. 50 lakhs in his demand for working expenses—Miscellaneous expenses—of Rs. 20,40,32,000.

The House passed all the Demands under Railways made by the Transport Minister.

U. SAW REFUSED FURTHER ADJOURNMENT

RANGOON, Nov. 26 (Reuter): The Special Tribunal trying U Saw, Prewar Premier of Burma and 8 others charged with the assassination of seven Burmese Ministers, last July, today rejected Defence Counsel's application for a further adjournment of the trial after U Tun Byu, the Advocate-General, stated that it must be concluded before January four, Burma's Independence Day.

Up to the end of today's hearing Defence Counsel had completed the cross-examination of 21 Crown witnesses.

Late News

SMUTS CONFERS WITH BEVIN

LONDON, Nov. 26 (UPA): The Foreign Office said South African Premier Smuts called on Foreign Secretary Bevin this morning for a general discussion" Bevin had a similar talk yesterday with Canadian Premier Mackenzie King.

MIKOLAJCZYK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (UPA): Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, refugee former leader of the Peasant Party in Poland, arrived by air from London this morning.

YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA TO SIGN TREATY

SOFIA, Nov. 26 (UPA): Premier George Dimitrov and Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito will sign a treaty of "collaboration, friendship and mutual aid" tomorrow at Varna.

SIAM SACKS DELEGATE TO UNO

BANGKOK, Nov. 26 (Reuter): Prince Suphasavati Sawatiwat, Siam's United Nations delegate, who was stated to have expressed opposition to the new regime has been relieved of his post, the Siamese Foreign Office stated today. The Siamese Ambassador to Nanking, Sanguan Tularek, would be removed to some other post.

BHABHA NOMINATED SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (API): Mr. C. H Bhabha, Leader of the Indian Delegation to the International Conference on Trade and Employment now being held in Havana, has been nominated second Vice-Chairman of the Conference. M. Suetens of Belgium is the First Vice-Chairman, and M. Clark of Cuba the Chairman.

'BIG FOUR' FOREIGN MINISTERS DO IT.

LONDON, Nov. 26, (Reuter): The 'Big Four' Foreign Ministers today broke their deadlock on Austria and agreed to place her peace treaty first on their agenda.

Attlee Invites Jawahar

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26. (U.P.I.): The London representative of the "Hindustan Times" reports that Pandit Nehru has received a personal invitation from Premier Attlee through Lord Mountbatten to visit London late next month or early in January.

On being approached by the "United Press of India" in this connection, a source believed to be in confidence of high political quarters said:. "You can say that this news is neither confirmed nor contradicted."

FRONTIER DEPUTATION WAITS ON NEHRU

New Delhi, Nov. 26. (A.P.I.): A deputation of Hindus and Sikhs of Frontier waited on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru yesterday and explained to him the condition of the non-Muslims at Bannu.

HYDARI CALLS ON GANDHIJI

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26. (A.P.I.): Sir Akbar and Lady Hydari called on Mahatma Gandhi this morning.

Others who met him today were Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Dr. Rammanohar Lohia and Miss Mridula Sarabhai.

C. R. BACK IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Nov. 26. (A.P.I.): H. E. the Governor of West Bengal, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, returned to Calcutta by air this afternoon from New Delhi. He was accompanied by his daughter Srimati Namagiri.

COMMONS PASS CEYLON INDEPENDENCE BILL

LONDON, Nov. 26. (Reuter): The Ceylon Independence Bill, which gives Ceylon full self-governing status as an independent country within the British Commonwealth, was passed through its remaining stages in the House of Commons today without discussion.

The bill now goes to the House of Lords.

DR. SHAHRIAR TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

SINGAPORE, Nov. 26. (Reuter): Dr. Sutan Shahriar, ex-Premier of Indonesia, is to visit Australia next week. At present in India, he is expected to arrive in Singapore by flying-boat on Nov. 30 and will continue to Darwin by Lancastrian on Dec. 4.

SUDHIR GHOSH RELIEVED OF OFFICE

LONDON, Nov. 26. (U. P. A.): India House Public Relations Officer Sudhir Ghosh was relieved from office today. It is understood he will be appointed as a counsellor to the India Embassy possibly at Moscow or Washington.

GERMAN TREATY ISSUE

3 Benelux Countries Demand Their Views To Be Heard

LONDON, Nov. 26, (Reuter): Belgium the Netherlands and Luxembourg in a joint note today asked the Council of Foreign Ministers, meeting here to hear their views on Germany and not to decide anything without previously consulting them.

The note, which marked the first concerted approach of the three Benelux countries to the Big Four, endorsed the United States proposal for a 40-year German disarmament and demilitarisation treaty.

SECOND DAYS MEETING

The Council of Foreign Ministers opened the second day of their London Conference today with the order of their agneda still unsettled.

The difference of opinion on whether to include the Austrian Treaty early or late conceals a vital clash on (1) Whether Austria is soon to be freed of occupation troops as the Western Powers wish or (2) Whether she will be given her sovereign independence only after the German Peace Treaty is agreed as Russia wishes.

Mahatma On Kisan Ruler For India

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (API): Mahatma Gandhi in his post-prayer speech related how the Secretary of a Provincial Congress Committee who was a farmer himself had said that at least the Food Minister, if not the others, should be Kisans. It was unfortunate that today none of the Ministers were Kisans. Only a Kisan knew how to increase production and the fertility of the land. Only he could understand the whys and wherefores of profiteering by the Kisans and overcome the evil. In democracy, the Kisan should be the ruler. Mahatma Gandhi would certainly like to push forward an honest and capable Kisan. Such a Kisan would not know English. He (Gandhiji) would ask Jawaharlalji to be his Secretary and see the Foreign Ambassador on his chief's behalf and take pride in such service. Such a Kisan Prime Minister would not ask for a palace to live in. He would live in a mud hut, sleep under the sky and work on the land during the day whenever he was free. The whole picture would change immediately. In Punchayat Raj, the man who should count most in India was naturally the Kisan. How to advance him was the question.

HIGHER PAY SCALES FOR MUNICIPAL CLERICAL STAFF

Dearness Allowance On Govt. Scale: Industrial Court Award Benefits

The President of the Industrial Court, Sir Harsidhbhai Divatia, has given award in the dispute between the Bombay Municipality and its clerical staff which was given to him for adjudication by the Government of Bombay.

The clerical staff of the Bombay Municipal Corporation have been

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granted the following benefits by the Court:

(1) The pay scale has been revised as follows:—

Clerk: Rs. 75-5-95-6-125-7-160 E. B. 8-200-10-220.
Head Clerk: Rs. 220-10-260
Chief Clerk: Rs. 260-15-320.

(2) The revised scales should be given retrospective effect from 1st April, 1946. In making adjustments in the salaries the Municipality should adopt its previous method of adjustment namely that employees with less than one year's service will get no increment; for service of one complete year—one increment in the corresponding revised scale; for service of more than one and up to four years—two increments in the new scale; for service of more than four years—three increments in the revised scale.

(3) The Municipality may in its discretion grant leave on private affairs which is not covered by any of the other leave rules on half pay for a total period of six months during service and that the maximum enjoyed at any time should be three months. This will depend on the exigencies of service.

(4) In calculating the average pay for leave or gratuity, recommendations of the Pay Commission may be followed namely that for first thirty days it should be calculated on the average pay of last twelve months whether substantive or officiating as the case may be.

(5) That there should be sufficient leave reserve of employees and that after completion of one year's service temporary employees should be given leave on full pay as well as half pay and leave on medical certificate on the same terms applicable to the permanent employees.

(6) The employees should get the same dearness allowance which the Bombay Government employees got from 1st July 1944 to 1st April, 1946, and they should get the dearness allowance on Government scale from 15th August, 1947.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26

Previous Closing	35.47
Today's Opening	35.35
Difference	—12
Today's Closing	35.67
Difference	+20

New York Cotton Market will remain closed on Thursday, tomorrow.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining $36
General Motors $58-1/2.
United States Steel Common $75-7/8.
United States Steel Preference $140.—(Reuter).

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Nov. 26.

	Rs.	As.
Cotton Jarila Jan.	473	4
Cotton Jarila March	472	4
Silver Bullion	164	4
Gold Forward	107	7
Sovereign	70	8

Shanmukham Presents Free India Budget

Finances Sound In Spite Of Political Storm

Increase In Cloth Export Duty To Reduce Deficit To 24 Crores

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26.

Describing the occasion as an historic one, the Hon'ble Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, Minister of Finance, presented today to the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislative) the "first Budget of a free and independent India".

In doing so, he appealed for the co-operation of the entire community to be extended to the Government, "If India, just risen from bondage, is to realise her destiny as the leader of Asia and take her place in the front rank of free nations", he declared, "she would require all the disciplined effort that her sons can put forth in the years immediately ahead". He also said, "the willing help and co-operation of all sections of the community is required in maintaining peace and order, in increasing production and in avoiding internecine quarrels whether between communities or between capital and labour".

The Finance Minister summed up the country's general financial position thus: "While there is no room for complacency, there is equally no reason to take a pessimistic view". He had no hesitation in describing the revenue position as sound. "We have not been living beyond our means, or heading towards bankruptcy" he said.

At the moment, expenditure on Defence, Refugees and the payment of subsidies for foodgrains was of the order of Rs. 92.74 crores, Rs. 22 crores (provisional) and Rs. 22.52 crores, respectively. "Once we reach fairly normal conditions and are able to reduce our Defence Expenditure to peacetime proportions and curtail our reliance upon import of foodgrains, we should be able to balance the budget", he declared adding: "It would be too optimistic to expect normal conditions for the next year but I feel that with a determined all-round effort, we should be able to achieve this result in 1949-50".

He disclosed a deficit of Rs. 26.24 crores. This he proposed to reduce to Rs. 24.59 crores by an increase in the export duty on cotton, cloth and yarn.

To offset two "disturbing features", he called for an increase in internal production as the only real answer to inflation, and for concentration of the people's energies on producing as much food as possible within the country as reliance on foreign imports makes a large hole in our foreign exchange.

Referring to comments in certain quarters that "the level of taxation introduced in the last budget has seriously affected the incentive for investment", the Finance Minister promised to review the position before the annual budget. He said that whatever might be the ultimate pattern of India's economic structure, there was need and scope for private enterprise in industry for many years to come. "I believe", he added, "that the general pattern of our economy must be a mixed economy in which there is scope both for private enterprise and for State enterprise".

The Finance Minister began with a brief reference to the partition of the country. The partition had cut across the economic and cultural unity of the country and its long-term effects still remained to be assessed. The compelling forces of economic necessity must create a friendly and co-operative spirit between the two Dominions and the Minister trusted that when the present passions subsided and normal conditions of life returned, the people of both would work together to secure that the economic life of the common man was not injured.

Explaining that the budget covered a period of 7 1/2 months from the 15th August, 1947 to the 31st March, 1948, the Finance Minister said that although the expenditure could have been authorised it was felt that it would be in accordance with the public wish to present this budget.

The administrative and other consequences of the partition had been worked out by a number of Expert Committees, but in the short time available to them it had not been possible to secure agreement on a number of points. These had been left over for subsequent negotiation between the Dominions and failing agreement reference to an Arbitral Tribunal. The long range fiscal and economic relations between the Dominions still remained to be considered but the intention was to maintain, for the rest of the current year, within the agreements arrived at, the "status quo"; there would be free movement of trade between the Dominions without any internal barriers and Import and Exchange controls would be co-ordinated. The Dominions would also remain under a common currency system

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BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Revenue rupees 171.15 crores.
Expenditure rupees 197.89 crores.
Deficit rupees 26.24 crores.
Yield from cloth export duty rupees 1.65 crores.
Net deficit rupees 24.59 crores.
Other details in the budget are:
Expenditure on Defence: rupees 92.74 crores.
Expenditure on refugees rupees 22 crores (provisional).
Subsidies for food rupees 22.52 crores.
Total food imports till September last Rs. 169 crores.

FINANCE MINISTER CHEERED

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (API): The Finance Minister Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty who began his budget speech at five u.m. today told the House that there would be no surprises associated with the budget.

There was normal attendance in the House when the Finance Minister presented his budget. It took him nearly 85 minutes to deliver his speech which was listened to with rapt attention. The House cheered the Minister when he declared that "financial considerations should not stand in the way of affording relief to these unfortunate people (refugees) and in alleviating their sufferings in one of the most poignant human tragedies that could take place outside a war".

WARNING TO TAX DODGERS

The Finance Minister, Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, broadcasting tonight on "The first budget of a free and Independent India", said that unless the public co-operated fully with the Government by lending them their savings, "Government's efforts towards raising the standards of life of our people will be retarded".

In this task, the assistance of both the upper and middle classes was required and both should assist by taking up Government loans and by investing money in small savings.

TAX-DODGERS

Referring to tax-dodgers, the Finance Minister said: "I feel convinced that the Government of India are not receiving all the taxes that are legitimately due to the State. Our people must now realise their duties and responsibilities in this matter. Every citizen must now feel that it is his duty to pay to his own Government all the legitimate taxes owed by him. The public should also co-operate in the efforts made by the Government to expose those who dodge the tax-collector. If all the taxes due to the Government are forthcoming, our budgetary position on the revenue side would be infinitely better and the need for fresh taxation would correspondingly lessen".

Personnel Of Tariff Board

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26. (A. P. I.): The personnel of the Tariff Board has been officially announced.

The Board will consist of Mr. G. L. Mehta, President, and Dr. H. L. Dey and Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy, members.

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The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

Grand Feast Of Hockey At Association Ground

BY J. C. MAITRA

The Hockey Season of Bombay is now in full swing. The Senior League has already roused the enthusiasm of the fans to a large extent. Unfortunately, the Lusitanians, the last year's Champpions and the most favourite side of the local hockey world, have lost some of their stars to the newly-formed Tata's and other clubs. So they are not half as strong as they were last season. Consequently they have not been able to please their supporters as well as they desire — with the inevitable result that their number is steadily dwindling down. Now that the Lusis have succeeded in forcing the present leaders, Dockyard, to a draw, it may be hoped that their stock will go up again.

AN ATTRACTIVE PENTANGULAR

In the meanwhile, the BPHA Committee taking advantage of the presence in Bombay of the all-India players, who are proceeding to East Africa early next month on a short visit, have decided to stage the Pentangular which they inaugurated so successfully last season, during this week-end. It is of a purely non-communal character and the sides that will take part in the tournament are the Combined Services, Combined Railways, Goans, Maharashtra and the Rest. Every effort has been made to strengthen each team by the inclusion of the leading players of Bombay and the rest of the country. Is it necessary for me to add that the fare that they will serve will be of a very high order?

K. C. IBRAHIM'S FEAT

The Cricket Festival ended in a tame draw. When everything in it was of a colourless nature, nothing better could be expected. If the cricket fans of Bombay had extended their hearty support to the competition, things might have been different. But they did not find anything in it to excite their cricket appetite. So the Carnival had a cold reception throughout.

The only outstanding feature of the show was the gallant performances of K. C. Ibrahim who played through two innings from beginning to end without losing his wicket and scored double centuries in the bargain. It was certainly a very charitable feat though I must say that the bowling he had to contend with was of a very moderate type. All the same, it leads one to the irresistible conclusion that if he were given a chance to meet the Australian stalwarts, he might have proved his mettle in a praiseworthy manner. Our selectors have erred in keeping him out of the team.

KENNERLEY BEATS RAJA

CALCUTTA, Nov. 26 (API): In a 90-minute billiards exhibition tonight Kingsley Kennerley beat Raja by 540 points.

Kennerley recorded average of 46.4 for the exhibition. The final scores were Kennerley—802; Raja—262.

In the two frames of Snooker exhibition that followed Kennerley beat Raja by two to nil. The scores were 61-53; 83-19.

A WARNING

"After long suffering from chronic constipation, and using all kinds of remedies, at last I got great relief after taking Livergen. Sufferers like me, take a warning in time".....One relieved.

DULEEPSINGHJI SAYS:

Indian Team Gains Popularity Of Aussies

"Our Batsmen Have Played Attractively And Are Full Of Strokes—Not So Majority Of Present-Day Australian Players"

BRISBANE, Nov. 26. (Reuter): (From Duleepsinghji, Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Indian team).

The Indians have come through the first part of their tour better than expected, and they have gained the popularity of the Australian public with their free style of play.

Taxi-drivers, tram-drivers and shop assistants in the different capitals tell me "your fellows play the cricket we like. They are sportsmen and we hope they win the first Test".

It is an achievement to have gained such goodwill. The Indian batsmen have played attractively and are full of strokes. That is not the case with the majority of Australian players today.

In my time, Bradman, Jackson, Oppax McCabe, Ponsford and Victor Richarson and others were all great stroke players.

Today, Australian cricket is like English cricket of the early twenties, when the influence of old players made batting strokeless, the majority of runs being made by push shots.

Australian cricket is going through the same phase.

I would like to ask my Australian friends what is responsible for this, as I feel most of the present-day players have the strokes, but are afraid to use them. They have turned cricket games into battles. The Indians have rightly played state fixtures as matches, not as practice tests. Their record now of won one, lost two and drawn three, might easily have been considerably better.

Owing to the atrocious conditions which prevailed I take little account of the West Australian game though I felt there were certain obvious points which the Indians should remedy. Their outcricket particularly needed improvement. Mankad showed that if pitches were responsive to spin he might prove a match winner.

KNOW THE BOWLER'S DISPOSITION

I also noticed that Amarnath believed in placing his field without consulting the bowlers, a policy I disagreed with as no bowler can be successful without knowing his own dispositions.

Bradman, in the next match showed up the weakness of Amarnath's placings and since then Amarnath's captainey has improved with every match except on one or two occasions when he appeared to slip back to the old faults. Another fault was to continually change the field where the last ball had been hit. Also he had not studied the art of putting bowlers at their right end. Repeatedly he tried Mankad with the wind but a left-hander should always bowl into the wind.

When Mankad was put on against the wind he beat Bradman more than once and he took all ten wickets in the match with the Australian eleven against the wind. Generally Amarnath is captaining the side well, but he must remember that he cannot afford these mistakes against the full might of Australia.

INDIA'S BATTING

India's batting in the early matches has depended on Amarnath, Hazare and Mankad, but now they are supported by other members of the side. Our batsmen met Australian spinners successfully. They reached full tosses and half-volleys thereby forcing googly men to bowl short. They have not met medium pace bowling with the same success mainly because of the habit of flicking at offballs. On these wickets medium pace bowlers should be the easiest to play and if the Indians abandon their bad habit, they should be comfortable.

BOWLING

That leaves Lindwall who we have not yet seen full out and he is a real danger particularly as the Indians lost early wickets cheaply in nearly every match. Amarnath has provided the highlights of India's batting and his confidence, concentration and right technique on this type of wicket has been really magnificent. Hazare with his caution has been an attractive stroke player here while Mankad's several fighting innings have been most useful. Slowly Sarwate, Kishenchand, Adhikari and others are reaching their best form. India are not in such a happy position with bowling. Mankad is the only class bowler in the team and on Australian Test Match wickets (unless there is rain) India needs a shock attack. A good fast bowler would make a great difference. Mankad has carried the side and those who saw his bowling against Queensland will remember it for many a year. The standard of fielding has advanced but there is still room for improvement in gathering the ball. This uncertainty on fast grounds may explain the dropped catches though Gulmahomed and Adhikari have fielded splendidly

BEST TEAM POSSIBLE

Except possibly for Hamence, the Australian team is the best possible, and the exclusion of Neil Harvey for Hamence is hard to understand. But Hamence is the likely twelfth man, and that means Australia has four pure batsmen in Bradman, Brown, Morris and Hassett, all-rounders in Miller, McCool, Lindwall and Ian Johnson, a wicket-keeper batsman in Tallon and two pure bowlers in Johnston and Toshack. The strength of the team is batting—Bradman is capable of making the test, Bradman versus India—particularly as three at least of the all-rounders are capable of making a test century. The attack is well-balanced with Lindwall and Miller, supported by fast medium left-arm Johnston and medium left-arm Toshack, who is most difficult to score from and dangerous in batsmen try to hit. Then there is McCool with googlies and Ian Johnson a slow off-spinner. This variety of bowling will be supported by brilliant fielding and shrewd captainey. I don't expect India to win the Test, but if Lindwall is faced successfully, flicking abandoned, they will give a good account of themselves—particularly if there is also determination to consolidate a good position when they are set.

INDIA TEAM

On the present form the India team should be Amarnath, Hazare, Mankad, Sarwate, Adhikari, Kishenchand, Gulmahomed, Phadkar, Sohoni, Nayudu and Irani. I would leave out Amir Elahi as he has not yet reached his best form and a swollen knee may not stand up to six days of Test cricket. Also Nayudu is a better fieldsman and batsman.

Although he has better technique, Sen is not as effective as Irani, and Rangnekar's failures exclude him. Owing to little match practice Rangnekar, Raisingh and Ranvirsinhji automatically drop out. The last named showed glimpses in his only match that he belongs to this type of cricket.

I remember mentioning the great pace of Australian wickets in an article before leaving India. The pace, however, has gone out of the pitches. Wickets have been covered right through the state matches, so rain has had no effect on them. With the uncertainty due to covering the charm has gone. Finance seems to rule today.

The India team for the first Test staging here on November 28 will be chosen after practice tomorrow. According to medical advisers, Hazare's had is healing satisfactorily and he will be at the nets tomorrow.

TEST BROADCAST

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (API): According to information received in New Delhi arrangements have been made by Radio Australia to transmit for the benefit of shortwave listeners in India direct broadcast descriptions of the first Test Match, commencing at Brisbane on November 28th.

The descriptions will be broadcast on each day of play at the times and on the frequencies as follows:—

7-30—8-00 a.m. I.S.T. 13.93 metres 21540 K.C. and 16.82 Metres 17840 K.C.

8-40—9-00 a.m. I.S.T. 19.69 metres 155240 K.C and 19.74 metres 15200 K.C.

12-30—12-35 p.m. I.S.T. 16.82 metres 17840 K.C.

Summaries will be broadcast at 11-35 a.m. I.S.T. and 1-35 p.m. I.S.T.

RANJI TROPHY CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Maharashtra Team

POONA, Nov. 26 (API): The first round of the All-India Ranji Trophy Cricket Tournament between Maharashtra and Nawanagar will be played at Jamnagar on December 5, 6 and 7. The following players have been selected to represent Maharashtra XI:

M. K. Jadhav (Captain), P. G. Joshi (wicket-keeper), M. R. Rege, S. K. Banerjee, D. G. Choudhury, B. B. Nimbalkar, C. V. Gadkary, S. D. Deodhar, V. S. Patwardhan, D. N. Gundi and Manohar Godbole.

Reserves: M. N. Datar, G. R. Mane, M. G. Dalvi or M. R. Vakil.

RAJENBABU ON NEW WORKING COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (A.P.I.): Dr. Rajendra Prasad, who has been elected as President of the Congress, but has not yet assumed charge of the office said, today, that reports appearing in the press regarding new office-bearers of the Congress were incorrect. He particularly referred to the news suggesting the appointment of Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, as the General Secretary of the A.I.C.C. and said that he had given no thought to the matter yet.

The Personnel of the Working Committee would be announced after he assumed charge of the Congress Presidentship.

Mr. S. K. Patil said that the report could not be true since he had no information about it.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad is expected to visit Bombay on December 2. He will address a public meeting the same evening. The following day, he will be presented with a civic address by the Bombay Municipal Corporation and will declare open the Agricultural Exhibition.

W. PUNJAB LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

LAHORE, Nov. 25 (API): The West Punjab Legislative Assembly will meet for the winter session in the first week of January in Lahore, it is learnt here to-day.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR BABARIAWAD.

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Nov. 24: The Regional Commissioner, Western India and Gujarat States, Rajkot, has called on Mr. H. D. Udani, Thandar of the Wadhwan-Bhotka Thana in Eastern Kathiawar, to succeed Mr. B. C. Mankad as Civil Administrative Officer of Babariawad.

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At the Women's Distress Relief Committee meeting held at the Secretariat on Tuesday noon, an appeal was made to women to speed up with the knitting work and come forward in still greater numbers to take away 1,000 lbs. of wool which is still lying in the Committee Office.

So far 6,000 lbs. wool has been distributed amongst 69 women's associations, Junior Red Cross Members, Schools and wives of officers in the Bombay Secretariat. Every Ration girl in the different ward Rationing Offices has been recruited in this crusade against winter which is threatening thousands and thousands of Refugees in camps in and around Delhi. The knitting campaign is to continue well over two months more, which means there's still more chance for each and every one who wants to do her bit for the homeless men, women and children.

The Relief Committee has been able to send 12,000 blankets; 5,000 out of these have been donated by the Tata Trust. Uptil now 20,000 woollen garments have been dispatched by the Committee 10,000 of these are almost brand new. Another lot of 10,000 garments (mostly old) are awaiting dispatch. More donations of garments, particularly children's and women's, will be most welcome and even cotton garments are being accepted. The Committee's Fund has amounted to Rs. 35,000. Willing donors are requested to bring in their gifts (of warm clothing, woollen cloth or money) to the Committee's Office between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The committee has decided to avail itself of an opportunity to consult Lady Mountbatten who is visiting Bombay on the 16th of December.

BANDRA'S COMPULSORY EDUCATION DRIVE

In connection with the compulsory Primary Education Drive which is being conducted by the Municipal School Board of Bandra, a procession of children, teachers, parents and public with placards and slogans will be held in Bandra on Saturday the 29th inst. Starting from the municipal offices building at Waterfield Road at 3 p.m. the procession will pass through Turner Road via late Mr. Vithalbhai's residence near Tata Blocks and reach Bandra Railway station. It will then pass through Bhiwada Road and turn at Princess' Avenue and pass through Slaughter House, Bunderwadi and will end near Town Market.

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Muslim: Moharrum 13, 1367.
Parsi: Khordad 25, 1317.
Sunrise: 6-53 a.m. Sunset: 6-00 p.m.
Hightide: 10-42, 23-51.
Lowtide: 04-58, 17-08.

Domestic Occurrence

GERRY A. GREEN, Associate Sports Editor, the "National Standard" and the "Sunday Standard" expired at 10-30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1947, at Dr. Watcha Memorial Hospital, Queens Road, Bombay. Funeral procession leaves Hospital at 10-30 a.m. today arriving Sewri at 11 a.m. (S. Indian, Calcutta and Rangoon papers please copy).

Today's Engagements

BRAINS TRUST: Today, at the Y. M. C. A., 12, Wodehouse Road, at 6-30 p.m. Panel: Dr. J. F. Bulsara, (Q. M.), Dr. (Mrs.) R. M. Captain, Mr. P. R. Lele, Prof. S. B. Hudlikar and Dr. Arthur E. Desa.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Classes in Economics and German begin in Alexandra Girls' English Institution and St. Xavier's College, today (Thursday), at 6-15 and 6-30 p.m.

K. R. CAMA ORIENTAL INSTITUTE: Mr. A. A. A. Fyzee, Bar.-at-Law, will speak on "Da'aimu'l-Islam, II", being the fifth lecture of the Government Research Fellowship series on "Contributions to the Study of Fatimid Law", this evening, at Library Hall (1st floor) of the Institute (136, Apollo Street, Fort), at 6 p.m.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS: Mr. N. K. Petigara, will deliver a lecture on "Easement", today (Thursday), at 6-15 p.m., at the Sohrab F. Bharoocha Architectural Library, Mr. H. N. Dallas, will Preside.

MARATTA MANDIR, will celebrate the anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Fule, at 6 p.m., today (Thursday). Institutions who wish to participate in the celebration are requested to communicate with the Gen. Secretary, Maratta Mandir, 320, Thakurdwar.

THE BOMBAY ART SOCIETY: Today (Thursday), Exhibition of Water-colours by S. H. Raza.

MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Annual General Meeting at 5-0p p.m., today (Thursday), at the office of the Chamber.

FELICITATION TO "ARJI HAKUMAT" MINISTERS: It is decided to congratulate all the ministers of "Arji Hakumat" of Junagadh, today (Thursday), at 5 p.m., at Hindu Merchants' Club, Bell's View, Chowpatty.

THE RATIONING STAFF ASSOCIATION: Meeting of the Rationing Staff will be held today (Thursday), at 6-15 p.m., at the Muzfarabad Hall, ground floor—Card-Index premises—Grant Road to enlist the support for the Home Guard Movement.

CIRCLE LITTERAIRE DIAMOND JUBILEE: Musical soiree is organised with the collaboration of Janina de Witt, at Sunderabai Hall, today (Thursday), at 6-15 p.m., under the presidentship of Sir Francis Low, Kt.

The soiree is combined with a prize distribution item, Lady Low giving away the prizes to students standing 1st in French at the examination of the Bombay University.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 14, on Friday (tomorrow), at 7-51 a.m. (B. T.), at the Junction of Superibaug Road and Currey Road near Bharat Mata Cinema and go round with them in the Ward.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: Special Meeting of the Standing Committee in the Corporation Hall, today, at 2 p.m. (B. T.), for the further consideration of the Budget Estimates for the year 1948-49.

MODERN HEALTH HOME: Public reception to Prof. K. V. Iyer of Bangalore, today, at 7 p.m., at Poddar College Hall, Matunga.

MAZDAZNAN ART EVENING: Today, at 6-15 p.m., at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road, public lecture on "Master-Pieces of Art". Mother Gloria has kindly consented to preside.

SWASTIK LEAGUE: Condolence meeting to mourn the loss of Lt.-Col. A. B. Gajendragadkar, G. O. C., Swastik League Volunteer Corps, today, at V. M. Swastik Mandir, at 6-30 p.m. Rt. Hon'ble Dr. M. R. Jayakar, will preside.

POST-GRADUATE LECTURES.
The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay have organised a series of post-graduate lectures in the subjects of Medicine, Surgery, Midwifery and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology and Child Health.

The object is to impart higher knowledge to the candidates going up for the post-graduate diploma examinations. The lectures will also be open to members of the medical profession and to the students interested in the subject. Details may be obtained from the Secretary of the College, Hospital Avenue, Parel, Bombay.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Nov. 27.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Geet Manthan 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 D. H. Pujari (Bibhas on Sitar) 8-45 K. H. Dalal (Gujarati Geet) 9-0 Azambai (Kolhapur) (Desi) 12-0 Vanita Mandal Programme in Marathi for Women 12-45 p.m. News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Vividh Sangeet 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 D. H. Pujari (Purvi on Sitar) 5-15 Children's Half Hour 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Vijay Masurekar (Bhavgeeten) 6-30 K. H. Dalal (Gujarati Geet) 6-45 Ahmed Dilawar (Ghazal) 7-0 Rajanikant Desai (Vocal) 7-30 Arthik Avalokan By Hirji Gilani 7-45 Filmi Gane 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Dhanajinche Ashirwad 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-45 Sports Review in English By Jit Kantawala.

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. Bhakti 5-45 p.m. Topics 5-55 Locals 6-15 Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Commercial 8-0 K. H. Dalal (Gujarati Geet) 8-15 Vijay Masurekar (Bhavgeeten) 9-0 Rajanikant Desai (Vocal) 9-30 Ahmed Dilawar (Ghazal) 10-0 Rajnikant Desai (Vocal) 10-15 Azambai (Nayaki Kanada).

Weather News For Farmers

FORECAST TILL THE MORNING OF 28-11-47:—Dry weather mainly.
OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT 2 DAYS:—Dry weather.

Charges Framed Against Corporator

BOMBAY, Nov. 26.—At the resumed hearing of the case against Dr. (Mrs.) Malinibai Sukthankar, and Gokhankar, Mr. T. S. Vyas, Presidency Magistrate, asked Mr. C. N. Kanuga, as to how the charges read out in court previously differed from the charges, set forth in the certified copy furnished to the accused.

Mr. Kanuga stated that the charges in the certified copies were enlargements and additions to the charges formally read out in court.

The Magistrate then asked the accused Mrs. Sukthankar and M. S. Gokhankar, to put forth fresh pleas, after formally framing charges against them.

The accused pleaded "not guilty". The case was postponed on an application to the Court by Mr. C. N. Kanuga and Mr. V. V. Desai that they wanted time to prepare for the cross-examination.

CASE AGAINST ADVOCATE

The case against J. P. Lobo, Advocate, which is an off-shoot, of the case pending before Mr. T. S. Vyas, at the Esplanade Court, with regard to the acceptance of a 10,000 rupee "pugree", by Mrs. Malinibai Sukthankar, was postponed by the Magistrate this morning at the request of the accused, to December 9.

It was represented on behalf of the accused that he had filed a transfer application before the High Court and he prayed that his case in the present court be postponed, pending the disposal by the High Court of the transfer application.

TYPEWRITER THEFTS

Four Suspects Arrested

P. R. Subramani and three other persons were arrested yesterday by the local police. It was stated that the City police, who had received many complaints about typewriter thefts, were on the look-out for the culprits.

A bogus purchaser set up by the police, is alleged to have contacted the first accused, who introduced the "purchaser" to the second and the third accused. Together they produced six typewriters, which were identified by a commercial firm in the city as their property which had been stolen.

The three men were arrested yesterday and put up before Mr. G. K. Rege at the Esplanade Court to-day. They were ordered to be released on bail.

STEVEDORE WAYLAID AND ROBBED

A city stevedore by the name of A. C. Ribeiro, it is learnt, was robbed of a gold ring and some cash by two Pathans at the point of a knife in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The victim, it is learnt, was returning after night shift. When he reached Ganga Bawdi Road, at Mazagon, two Pathans who looked like watchmen are said to have waylaid him near the entrance to the Ciba Company's new factory which is under construction. They then relieved him of his wedding ring which he cherished for the last 40 years and the petty cash he carried on his person.

Soon after the incident, the victim of the outrage, so, he told a 'Sentinel' reporter, informed a Constable not far from the scene of the offence, but, failed to get any assistance from him.

When Ribeiro reached his residence at Grace Mansion, Matharpakadi he being an old man was so overcome by the shock that he could not even go to the Byculla Police Station to lodge a complaint.

Arrested For Alleged Refusal To Sell Firewood

Vallabhdas Narayanji Shah, one of the partners of the firm Tokersi Deosi and Sons, was arrested by the Bombay C.I.D. yesterday, for allegedly refusing to sell firewood without sufficient reasons to a bogus customer sent by the police.

The police had received information that the firm was refusing to sell firewood to customers while they had stock. When the bogus customer went to the shop the accused who was present at the 'pedhi' it is stated, refused to sell firewood to him.

The accused was released on bail today by Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court.

Theft Accused Remanded

Shanker Gangaram Pawar, (37), was arrested by the Byculla Police yesterday in connection with the theft of Rs. 13,700 worth of saccharine from the godown of Messrs. Volkart Brothers, on Belvedor Road. The accused is a watchman of the godown.

He was ordered to be remanded into police custody by Mr. S. B. Awar, Presidency Magistrate at the Mazagaon Police Court today.

Ahmadya Community And Indian Union

In an extraordinary meeting of the Ahmadya community of Bombay held on Tuesday, the following were passed unanimously:—

It was reiterated that according to the declared policy and one of the basic teachings of the founder of the movement that Ahmadis wherever they may be should remain loyal to the Government under which they may happen to live. We the Ahmadis are bound to be loyal to the Indian Dominion and will cooperate with the Government in restoring peace and order.

It was also emphasised that full protection should be given to Qadian, Dist. Gurdaspur, East Punjab, the centre of the movement as it is not like an ordinary town or an ordinary shrine but a particularly sacred town the sanctity of which as a town must remain inviolate under all circumstances.

LAHORE, November 25 (API): A lorry carrying non-Muslim evacuees from Taunsa, in Dera Ghazi Khan district, met with an accident on the way, as a result of which two non-Muslims were killed and 26 were injured.

MEDALS TO ELWIN AND DR. THOMAS

Royal Asiatic Society's Function

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A very interesting function took place at the Town Hall this evening under the auspices of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society when the Campbell Memorial Gold Medal and Society's Silver Medal were given, in absentia, to Dr. F. W. Thomas, and to Dr. Verrier Elwin, respectively on the occasion of the Society's Foundation Day.

Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla, the President of the Society extended a warm welcome to Dr. M. R. Jayakar, who, he said, had attained the highest judicial position in the British Commonwealth.

The recipients of the two medals were both distinguished scholars.

Mahamahopadhyaya P. V. Kane, Vice-Chancellor, Bombay University, gave a brief account of the work done by Dr. Thomas and Dr. Verrier Elwin. Both the scholars combined great learning with modesty.

HISTORY OF SOCIETY

Dr. M. R. Jayakar gave a brief resume of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society which was founded on November 26, 1804.

The membership of the Society had begun with 17. In 1947, it had risen to 940.

The two great honours which were within the power of the Society to bestow were the Campbell Memorial Gold Medal, founded in 1907, and the Society's Silver Medal, founded in 1930.

DATE FOR PURCHASE OF RATION CLOTH EXTENDED.

Although the current annual Ration period for Rationed Cloth in Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District, expires on November 30, 1947, it has been decided to permit ration card holders to make their purchases for this period between 1st and 15th December 1947. The balance of cloth for the current period not purchased by December 15, 1947 will lapse.

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EXHIBITION OF S. H. RAZA'S WATER COLOURS

On Thursday the 27th instant, Mr. R. V. Leyden will open the first one-man-Exhibition of Mr. S. H. Raza's water colour paintings in the Bombay Art Society Salon.

Mr. Raza's water colour landscapes have attracted the attention of critics and lovers of good painting at many art exhibitions in Bombay and elsewhere in India. Inspite of his young age he has won a number of medals and other prizes.

India's famous sites such as Indore, Jaipur, Nasik, Benares, Udaipur, Cochin are depicted in this collection.

A set of reproductions of some of the outstanding water colours will also be on sale at his show, which remains open till the 8th of December.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION.

Urgent services in foreign telegrams are not admitted to following countries: 1, U. S. A. and possessions; 2, Fiji Islands except Suva; 3, Netherlands East Indies; 4, New Hebrides including Port Vila; 5, Japan; 6, Iraq and 7, Reunion. Urgent telegrams are admitted to remaining countries of the world.

(2) With effect from midnight of 30th November 1947 all telegraph traffic from India for Persian Gulf, Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia should be routed via O. C. S. only. Rates to all above places via O. C. S. are same as before except for Saudi Arabia, rates for which will notify shortly.

GOANS' CONTRIBUTION TO BOMBAY

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BOMBAY, Wednesday.

"I hope very soon the time will come when Goans will not be looked upon as different from the rest of India and will be a part and parcel of the great community of free Indian citizens", said Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay, declaring open the Grand Goa exhibition at the C. J. Hall this evening.

Referring to the contribution of Goans to the development of the civic and cultural life of Bombay, Mr. Kher said, "The first Indian Sheriff of Bombay, Bhau Daji, was a Goan by birth. Telang and Janardhan Vasudev were among the first Indian Judges of the High Court of Bombay, the Bombay Association, founded in 1852, which may be regarded as among the pioneers of the political movement in the country, was started by Bhau Daji Lad. It will thus be seen that Bombay has every reason to be proud of its long connection with Goa, and it is well that this exhibition has been organised to remind the present generation of the debt it owes to these pioneering sons of Goa".

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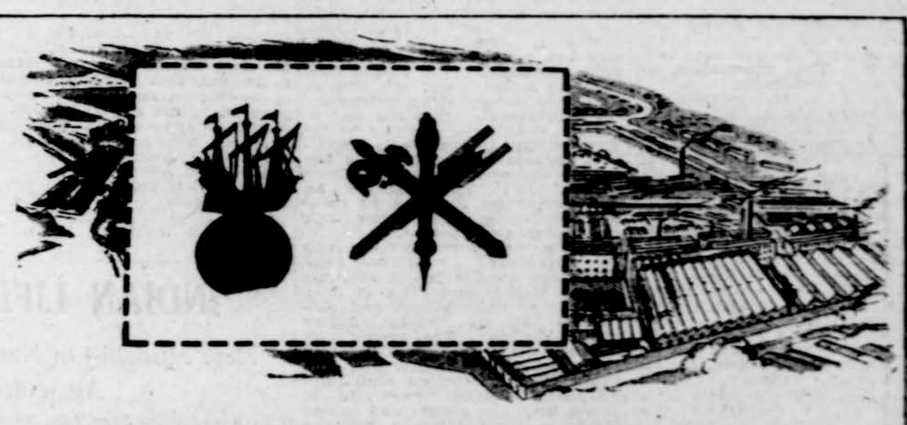

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WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Nov. 26. (A. P. I.): The following is the weather summary for Wednesday, the 26th November, 1947:

Observations West of Karachi are absent, but believe that a western disturbance is affecting Baluchistan. Scattered light showers have occurred in the near West Central India and along the Coromandal Coast.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 27TH EVENING:—Showers will occur locally along the Coromandal Coast and at a few stations in the interior of South-East Madras and in Mysore. Isolated dust—or thunder storms are likely along the North-West Frontier.

ALL INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Nov. 26. (A. P. I.): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours, from 1st Nov., and departure from the normal, recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 36th Nov:—

Ahmedabad 88 64 0 2.1 plus 2.0, Allahabad 88 58 0 0 minus 0.3, Baroda 95 64 0 0 minus 0.8, Bhopal 84 60 0.1 0.1 minus 0.8, BOMBAY 91 75 0 0 minus 0.5, Calcutta 84 61 0 0 minus 0.8, Cawnpore 84 56 0 0 minus 0.3, Colombo 90 72 T 4.7 minus 7.3, Delhi 79 52 0 0 minus 0.1, Hyderabad (Dn.) 82 57 0 0 minus 1.1, Jamshedpur 83 54 0 0.2 —, Jubbulpore 86 57 0 0 minus 0.4, Karachi 87 69 0 0 minus 0.1, Lahore 79 48 0 0 minus 0.1, Lucknow 85 54 0 0 minus 0.2, Madras 84 71 0 2.8 minus 0.4, Mysore 79 61 0 1.7 minus 0.7, Nagpur 87 60 0 0 —, Patna 82 57 0 0 minus 0.3, Poona 90 59 0 0.3 minus 0.7, Rawalpindi 77 42 0 0 minus 0.2, Surat 97 71 0 0 minus 0.3.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The law of equal freedom means that each individual is entitled to the greatest possible freedom consistent with the equal freedom of all others. In short, equal freedom means fair play. It means, moreover, that to the degree a man is free he is responsible for his acts. His every right is exactly balanced by a corresponding duty.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE BUDGET

Free India's first budget is, as the Finance Minister himself stated, without any surprises. The only change in the taxation policy is to replace the existing export duty of three per cent on cotton cloth and yarn by a duty of four annas per square yard of cotton cloth and six annas per pound of cotton yarn. For the rest, Government will rely on borrowing for the present as the need for money is admitted to be as urgent now as ever. Government intends to put the small savings movement on a permanent basis. The borrowing programme which, we are told, will be such "as to get money as cheaply as possible" will be an advantage to Government as money is cheaply available now and the burden of repayment will be shifted on to the next generation when the financial position may be expected to be easier. The position even now is rightly claimed to be sound, though, as the Finance Minister remarked, there is no room for complacency. We are assured that with a determined all-round effort we should be able to restore normal conditions in 1949-50. That expectation, we feel, is quite legitimate.

The budget is an interim one for the seven and a half months ending March 31, 1948, and has been found necessary by the extraordinary conditions created by the partition. The Finance Minister fears that the disturbances and the consequent refugee movements will materially affect the budget of the next few years. The provisional expenditure on refugees is estimated at Rs. 22 crores and is largely responsible for a deficit of Rs. 26.24 crores, caused by a total estimated expenditure of Rs. 197.39 crores as against a revenue of Rs. 171.15. None will grudge the expenditure on the refugees, for Mr. Shanmukham Chetty rightly expects that it is the desire of all sections of the legislature that financial considerations should not stand in the way of affording necessary relief. Nor will one grudge the expenditure of Rs. 12 crores on nation-building activities in which the Centre supplements the work of the Provincial Governments. Quite welcome, too, is the provision of Rs. 20.39 crores for grants to Provinces and Rs. 15 crores for Development Loans. These items of expenditure are in the nature of an investment which is sure to bring in good returns. The expenditure on Defence continues to be heavy, being Rs. 92.74 crores, that is, nearly half of the total expenditure. The explanation for this is quite understandable, namely, "the suspension of demobilisation when the partition of the country was decided upon, the implementation of the Post-War Payment Committee's recommendations, movement of troops and stores in connection with reconstitution and the calling out of troops in aid of the civil power".

As regards the deficit we welcome Mr. Chetty's hope that, as "no credit had been taken in the estimates for Pakistan's share of the expenditure on pensions and interest", "if these factors are allowed for the budgeted deficit of Rs. 26.24 crores will be converted into a surplus". That is presumably why the new taxation is restricted to an increased duty on exported cotton, cloth and yarn, a duty which will not add to the burden of the common man and will yet bring an addition of Rs. 1.65 crores to the revenue. As the best method of restoring normal conditions is to maintain law and order on the one hand and to stimulate production in all necessary ways, it behoves Government, businessmen and the public in general to co-operate in concentrating their best efforts on these supreme needs of the hour. Meanwhile we would congratulate the Finance Minister on his wise budget and his lucid exposition of the financial needs of the country.

Welcome Though Belated

After the unduly prolonged negotiations between the Government of India and the Hyderabad Delegation and the vague fears entertained regarding the final decisions, the reported standstill agreement is certainly welcome, at any rate for the time being. The agreement is yet to be signed by the Nizam and we hope it will be signed in time to permit the publication of the terms on Saturday. Meanwhile it is reported that the terms are substantially the same as those of the agreement negotiated by the Chattari delegation. Political, foreign policy and defence will be fully controlled by the Government of India. That is what matters most in all relations, present and future, between India and Hyderabad. The Nizam may have agents abroad to promote the economic interests of his State but they have to eschew all political activities, in which sphere they have to co-operate with the Indian Foreign Office.

Such an agreement might well have come much earlier. But it was opposed by the Majlis Ittehad-ul-Muslimmen. But the Majlis President's present denunciation of Mr. Jinnah for having "let down" the Muslims outside Pakistan suggests that his opposition has been futile. His disillusionment should bring home to those Muslims in India and the States therein who followed the lead of the League that it is best for them to rely on the Government of the Indian Union to safeguard their interests. The present agreement gives the Nizam and the people of his State opportunity to make up their minds about accession.

Opportunity For Pakistan

There have been rumours to the effect that Pakistan proposed to appeal to the United Nations against the policy of the Indian Union in respect of Kashmir. They need not be taken seriously if only because the Pakistan authorities are sufficiently sensible to know that any discussion would only expose their own State. India's hands are clean and its policy unexceptionable. In the Central Legislature on Tuesday last, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru took occasion to re-state the whole position in a restrained and reasoned review of the events and of the present situation. The justice, fairness and regard for the principles of democracy that India has shown cannot but be acknowledged by every impartial observer. On the contrary no one can deny the complicity of Pakistan in the aggression against Kashmir. Pakistan itself cannot deny it if only because no ingenuity can possibly evade the facts about the arms, equipment and transport of the raiders and of how they crossed into Kashmir at all. Nor can any one entertain the absurd suggestion that raiders should be treated on the same footing as India and the Indian troops. But the suggestion does give away Pakistan as being behind those raiders. Pakistan is otherwise, too, in an extremely awkward position. The longer the fight continues, the longer does Pakistan suffer and the greater grows the danger of an unsuccessful "invasion" recoiling on it. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's statement in the Legislature is important because it provided on the eve of the arrival in New Delhi of Pakistan's key Ministers an opportunity for Pakistan to come to a settlement even now with the Indian Government.

In the meantime, Kashmir and its magnificent resistance have a message for the people of India Hindu, Muslim and Sikh. It is a message of nationalism and patriotism. Let us quote India's Prime Minister. The people of Kashmir have succeeded "because they had a great leader and because Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs all joined together under him to throw back the enemy and to save Kashmir, their common heritage. This fact is one of the most remarkable events of recent times in India and from which the rest of the country may take a profitable lesson." Those, who have given themselves up to communal passions and prejudices should ponder over their passions and prejudices in terms of Kashmir event and Shaikh Abdullah's leadership.

Frankly Speaking

Belated But Welcome

The leaders of the All-India Muslim League have at last decided to call a meeting of the All-India Council on December 14 and 15 in order, it is understood to wind up the organisation, absolve Indian Muslims of their allegiance and loyalty to the League and give them a free choice to reorient their policy. If League leadership was genuinely interested in the Indian Muslims, it should have liquidated the organisation with its two-nation theory long ago, on August 15, if not earlier. For, its continued existence in the meantime has done a great deal of harm to Indian Muslims. This harm will be undone to a great extent by its liquidation in the middle of December. But so far as the Indian Muslims are concerned they need not wait for it. For the Muslims of India, who supported the League and its theories, that organisation ceased to exist long ago. They have to forget it as if it was a nightmare. And they have to forget it completely regardless of what League leaders do or say now or in the middle of December.

Bury Communalism

One positive good may, however, result from the session called by Mr. Liaquat Ali. It is also suggested that the Muslim League in Pakistan may be replaced by a Pakistan National League which would be open to all nationals of Pakistan irrespective of their religious affiliations. It is in Pakistan's own vital interests that its leaders should bury communalism and their old theories completely and deep. Pakistan cannot function or exist except as a secular State. We hope the proposed Pakistan National League is not only formed but also acts in the manner and spirit of our own Indian National Congress.

Only The Beginning

It was only to be expected that the Palestine Committee of the UNO would vote for the partition of that unfortunate country. The only thing that was strikingly interesting in the debate was the complete somersault by the Soviet delegate on behalf of the Soviet Union, the earlier policy of which had long been one of opposition to the division of Palestine into Jewish and Arab States and to an interpretation of self-determination which would give rights to European Jews of "self determination" about Palestine and of regarding it as their country. The battle, of course, is not yet over. The Partitionists have to carry the General Assembly with them and that, too, with a two-thirds majority. But even if this majority is secured through the unholy USA-USSR Axis, the battle will not by any means be over. It will shift to the Middle East and in a grim form.

What's In A Name?

Sir,—What's in a name?

In Nilgiri State, as reported in the Press "the aboriginal tenants started to take forcible possession of lands belonging to non-aboriginals"; this led to intervention by the Government of Orissa, at the instance of the Indian Government, and the taking over of the administration of the State.

Nilgiri State is one of the small eastern States, little known, and situated roughly between the northern boundary of Orissa and the South Western boundary of West Bengal.

In South India, the best part of a thousand miles from Nilgiri State, stands that lovely and peaceful plateau, the Nilgiri Hills, on which Ootacamund, Coonoor and Kotagiri are popular resorts to which many go for rest and refreshment from the heat of the Plains of India.

The writer of this letter, a resident of the Nilgiri Hills, has received anxious letters condoling with him in the spread of lawlessness to the Nilgiris and expressing fears for his safety!!

What's in a name? Here is a case in which both those owning houses in the Nilgiri Hills and those unable to go to their old haunts in the disturbed areas of Kashmir and some Himalayan hill stations are likely to suffer through these widely separated places having the same name; owners of houses may have their houses standing empty because others, under a natural misapprehension, believe the Nilgiri Hills to be disturbed.

At this time when owing to the troubles in the North there will be a shortage of accommodation in hill stations, may I ask you, Mr. Editor, to draw attention in your columns to the fact that whatever conditions of lawlessness may prevail or have prevailed in the Nilgiri State, in the Nilgiri Hills, as always, peace and happiness may be had amongst the law-abiding hill-dwellers who live there—Yours, etc.

A. WESTMORLAND WOOD
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Nilgiris, S. India.
Nov. 20.

B. E. S. T. WORKERS TO GET ONE MONTH'S BONUS

12 Percent Increase In Wages And Gratuity On Retirement: Industrial Court Award

The President of the Industrial Court, Sir Harsidhbhai V. Divatia, has given his awards in the three disputes of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co. Ltd., which were referred to him by Government for adjudication.

According to the awards the employees have received the following benefits:

(1) A flat increase of annas two in a rupee over and above the increase granted by Mr. Justice Chakla is to be paid to all the non-schedul-employees including those to whom the Company voluntarily extended the benefit of increased wages.

(2) Bonus of one month's pay should be paid to the employees (scheduled as well as non-scheduled) within two months from the publication of the awards.

(3) The non-scheduled employees should get dearness allowances whenever they get their wages during leave or holidays except for the weekly offs.

(4) The amount in the Poor Box Fund should be applied by the Company as far as possible for any purpose beneficial to the non-scheduled employees in consultation with the representatives of the union concerned.

(5) The Company should pay gratuity on retirement basis to those non-scheduled employees under 35 years of age who may not like to join the services of the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

(6) The award has been made effective from 1st January 1947 to 6th August 1947, i. e. till the date on which the Company was taken over by the Municipal Corporation.

(7) The scales of pay of clerks in schedule 'C' have been revised as per Rs. 75-5-95-6-125-7-160 E. B. 8-200-10-220.

This scale should be brought into force with effect from 1st January 1947 and the method of adjustment will be that employees with less than one year's service will get no increment; for service of one complete year—one increment in the corresponding revised scale; for service of more than one and up to four years—two increments in the new scale, for service of more than four years—three increments in the revised scale.

SHARE IN GOODWILL NOT ACCEPTED

(8) As regards the demands of the employees for fifty per cent share each in the goodwill and in the distribution of the assets and reserves of the Company after its winding up which the employees desired to be put into a trust for the benefit of the present as well as future employees, the President of the Industrial Court has rejected both these demands. It is observed that in law the employees have no claim on the employers either for a sharp in the goodwill or the distribution of assets and reserves of the Company. It is only the shareholders of a Company who are legally entitled to the distribution of its assets and not the employees who are not the members of the Company. In equity the workers are entitled to a fair living wage which should be a first charge on an industry subject to its capacity to pay. It follows as a necessary corollary that workers have an industrial claim of an equitable though not of legal nature to ask for a share in the profits of the industry to which they have contributed by their labour, especially if their wages have not reached the living wage standard. This share in the profits can be given in the form of an annual bonus but once the is paid the employees have no further right to a shar ein the assets and the other property of the Company. The employees cannot be called partners in the real sense of the term in an undertaking because a partner shares in its profits as well as losses according to the quantity of his share. The moral or equitable right of an employee to get a share in the profits is not due to his status as a partner in the undertaking but the obligation of the employer to pay him an equitable share in the surplus profits in the form of a bonus on the ground that even the living wage is generally not sufficient to enable him to save money for extraordinary expenditure. The demand has also been turned down on another ground viz. that the present employees are not entitled to a share in the assets of th Company as they cannot represent the past employees who have worked in the Company and left their services, nor can a trust be created for the benefit of future employees since the present employees cannot represent the future employees.

The President of the Industrial Court has differed from a decision given by an Adjudicator in a dispute between the Cawnpore Electric Supply Corporation and its employees and which was enforced by the United Provinces Government. In that case the Adjudicator had granted to the employees fifty per cent. share in the reserve funds of the Company on the ground that in his opinion there was an implied contract to share in all profits of the Company between the shareholders and the employees for the reason that in paying the bonus the Company has linked it up with divident for a long period of thirty years, and that the reserves were built up out of accumulated profits. The President has held that no such implied contract can be inferred from such conduct. On the other hand it may be said that the alleged contract was connected with the payment of dividends only and not with the final distribution of assets at the time of the winding up of a Company. Industrial claims like bonus, reinstatement, compensation for loss of employment, holiday with pay, sickness insurance and other social security measures which cannot be recognised in ordinary courts of law are being enforced by special legislation and if at all the general consensus of opinion in the country is in favour of giving employees a share in the assets of a company when it is wound up, the proper procedure is to amend the previsions of the Indian Companies Act which prohibits such a share in the assets in favour of the employees rather than to decide such disputes by piecemeal adjudications in different industries and different centres.

JUDGE CRITICISES MILL MANAGEMENT

A strong criticism of the management of the Sir Shapurji Bharucha Mills Ltd. was made on Tuesday by Mr. P. S. Bakhale, Judge of the Labour Court Bombay while giving the Court's decision in the application made by the management of the Mill under section 97 of the Bombay Industrial Relations Act.

The application prayed for declaring illegal the stay-in-strike resorted to by the workers in the drawers and reachers department of the mill.

The Judge remarked that in the present case the management seemed to have taken no step in the matter of the grievances made by the workers. It was a matter of regret that the manager did not hold any investigation as required by the standing order 23. It was as much the concern of the management to see that peace in the industry was not disturbed.

The attitude of the management naturally drove the workers to resort to a strike. But that was no remedy, the Judge observed. The remedy, however, was provided for such a contingency under section 40 (2) read with section 78 (I) A and I and the workers ought to have followed that remedy. The workers strike was therefore illegal.

The applicant's case was that on October 25 last the management served notices of discharge on five of the drawers in their mills. The workers in the department wanted the management to withdraw the notices but the management did not concede that demand. In consequence, the workers resorted to a stay-in-strike. The demand of the workers was an industrial matter falling under item 6 of the Schedule 3 and a strike in respect of their demand was illegal under Section 97 (1) A of the Bombay Industrial Act.

On behalf of the strikers it was stated in the Court that since the workers resumed work after the strike of the drawers in September last, the management had been demanding more than 10,000 ends per day on the basis of the old records. The figures shown in the old records included the production of an extra pair of workers who, though engaged as cleaners, were in fact made to work as drawers. The workers were also working beyond the statutory hours then. The workers, however, assured the management that they would give the maximum possible production by working for eight hours. The management was not satisfied with assurance and they continued to harass the workers. On October 25 discharge notices were served on five drawers for slowing-down production. Next day the workers addressed a letter to the manager requesting him to put up a notice stating what production was expected of the drawers in the case of various sorts. The management did not compiy with that request. On November 7, without mentioning any particular figure, the management demanded an undertaking from the workers for higher production and asked the workers not to work unless they agreed to give the undertaking asked for. The workers were prepared to carry on the work as before but the management prevented them from doing so. It was therefore argued on behalf of the workers that it was not a strike by the workers but a lock out by the management.

INDIAN LIFE IN MINIATURE

Mrs. Munshi On Nature & Scope Of Free India Agricultural Exhibition

In a broadcast from AIR, Bombay on Tuesday Mrs. Lilavati Munshi invites citizens to go in large numbers to the Free India Agricultural Exhibition, to be opened at the Azad Maidan.

"The Free India Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, of which I have the honour to be the President, is being organised by the Agri-Horticultural Society of Bombay and the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay. It is to be opened on December 3 by Rashtrapati Hon'ble Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Food Minister of the Government of India and it will run for three to four weeks at the Esplanade Maidan, popularly known as the Azad Maidan, of the city.

"The Exhibition will cover many aspects of the Agricultural, Industrial, Cultural and Educational sides of our country and will present to the general public a view of the country's resources, its potentialities, its deficiencies and its scope for progress. It will not shirk from showing its backwardness and how it could be eradicated.

VARIETY OF EXHIBITS

"The avenues for advancement will also be shown with the help of a wide variety of exhibits and educational films. The Prohibition Department of the Government of Bombay will give an idea of what the Government wants to achieve through the prohibition and the Health Department of the Bombay Municipality will tackle the health problem.

"Some of the Indian States are sending their own products of Agriculture as well as the Arts and Crafts of the States. The Engineering Association of India is giving its active co-operation and the Concrete Association of India have prepared the housing models. I am glad to say that the business community also has responded well and, therefore, hardly any stall remains to be booked now in any section.

LIVE STOCK SECTION

"In the Agricultural Section, we hope to present all the problems and solutions with regard to the agriculture, horticulture milk, dairying, nutrition, food and farming, agricultural machinery etc. There is also a short-termed Live Stock Section arranged by the Anand Agricultural Institution as well as by some of the Goushalas.

ENTERTAINMENT

"Provision has also been made for entertainment. Besides, the usual amusement park with its joy rides and other attractions so much loved by the children as well as by the grown-ups, we have erected a special theatre where Indian and English Films as well as programmes of music, dancing, dramas and other entertainments will be provided every night and many leading artistes are co-operating with us on this side.

"There will be another Theatre of Visual Education where films on different subjects of educational value will be shown. I am sure both these theatres will prove to be a great attraction and of a great instructional value to the public."

USE OF CAP LAMP IN COAL MINES

Boon To Industry And Workers

BOMBAY, Wednesday

An increase of fifty percent of coal output and healthier and better conditions of work for the Indian coal miners if cap lamps were introduced in the Indian mines were envisaged by Mr. A. G. Townsend and Mr. A. H. Bull representatives of a British cap lamp manufacturing concern who have come to India to explore the field for this new type of lamps.

Explaining the significance of the cap lamps, widely used in the United Kingdom, U.S.A. France and South Africa, they told the representative of the Bombay Chronicle that they wanted Indian miners to have the benefits of Science enjoyed by their European brothers. These lamps, according to them, were appreciated in France recently and also by the native miners in South Africa.

The cap lamp which replaces hand lamp formerly used in Europe and still used in India gives advantage to the miner to use both the hands. The lamp is fitted to the helmet and it saves the trouble of changing the direction of lamp. Thus it helps to increase the coal production.

The cap lamp is simple and safe to use. A dry battery is attached to the belt. When the miner comes off the shift he puts his lamp on the charging frame in the lamp room. During the interim period the battery is automatically charged and the lamp is ready for service. Mr. Bull added that the maintenance of the lamp is very simple.

Talking of his experiences, Mr. Bull related that they introduced these lamps in France in 1945 and they were astounded with the results. Today France had begun manufacturing them and nearly 50000 lamps were used in the French mines.

EASY TO USE

When asked whether the Indian miners would be able to handle the new lamp, Mr. Bull said that in Southern France where the people were uneducated the miner got accustomed with the new lamp within three days. In South Africa the native labour, Mr. Bull professed picked it up in a very short time and expressed "great joy". He said that today 15,000 lamps were used in a big mine in South Africa.

He added if India were to make industrial progress she must introduce this new technique in the mines and modern method of lighting was absolutely necessary from the point of increasing the production and improving the working conditions of those who work in mines.

Though the initial cost was high Mr. Bull pointed that in the long run, the new lamp was economical. He said that a Belgium coal magnate told him that the cap lamp "paid itself within 15 months".

Mr. Townsend said that he did not know of the reactions of the Indian Mining Companies and miners but he hoped they would welcome this new lamp in their mines. He observed that the Indian Mining Department had shown keen interest in this new device. They were going to meet the head of the Indian School of Mines, in Calcutta, shortly. If necessary they would meet the Ministers for Commerce and Mines at New Delhi.

DECREE FOR LAKH SOLD FOR RS. TWENTY!

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Coyajee)

Mullick Muhammed Jalauddin — ... ... Plaintiff.

vs.

V. S. Thiruvengadaswami Mudaliar— ... ... Defendant.

An interesting suit resulting from the sale of a decree for Rs. 1,56,606-6-3 for Rs. 20/- was decreed with costs by his Lordship.

The decree in question was passed in 1937 by the Madras Court against the plaintiff's father M. A. Malik and others. The defendant, whose business was to purchase and execute decrees, bought this decree at a public auction for only Rs. 20/- and sought to execute it against the term of M. A. Mullick & Co., which the defendant alleged belonged to the judgment debtor M. A. Mullick.

The plaintiff thereupon filed this suit for a declaration that he was the sole proprietor of that firm, that his father M. A. Malik had no interest in it, and that the defendant should therefore be restrained by an injunction from executing the decree against this firm.

The plaintiff led considerable evidence, oral as well as documentary, in support of his case. On this evidence his Lordship held that the plaintiff had established his case that he was the sole proprietor of the firm in question, and granted the declaration as well as the injunction prayed for by the plaintiff.

Mr. M. S. Vakil and Mr. M. P. Amin instructed by Messrs. Khandvala and Chhotalal appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. S. M. Shah, Mr. M. P. Land and Mr. B. Moropanth instructed by Messrs. Pereira Fazalbhoy and Co. appeared for the defendant.

BENGALI CULTURAL CONFERENCE IN CITY

Session To Be Held During X-Mas

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Prabashi Banga Sahitya Sammelan, the Conference of Bengali artists and literateurs inaugurated 25 years ago by the Poet Rabindranath Tagore at Allahabad, will hold its twenty-fifth session for the first time in Bombay during the last week of December.

The Sammelan is gathering of Bengalis outside Bengal in which poets, artists, musicians, scientists, literatures of Bengal participate. The last Sammelan was held at Meerut under the presidentship of Pandit Kshitimohan Sen of Viswabharati, Santiniketan. Dr. Rabindranath Tagore inaugurated the first session at Allahabad 25 years ago.

In the Bombay Session, eminent Bengalis like Sjt. Mandalal Bose, Sjt. Jamini Roy, Sjt. Debiprasad Rai Choudhry Dr. Meghanad Saha, Dr. Jyan Ghose, Sjt. Satyen Bose, Sjt. Dolipkumar Roy, Sjt. Shantidev Ghosh are expected to participate. Besides this, prominent citizens of Bombay will be invited to take part in the conference.

Preparations are afoot to make the conference a grand success. An Executive Committee has been formed with Mr. Shib Banerji as the Chairman and Mr. Nirmal Bhattacharya of the Comilla Banking Corporation as the secretary.

The conference will start on December 26 and last for three days. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. C. Sen of the Bombay High Court will preside over the session.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

SOFIA, Nov. 24: The Bulgarian News Agency reported today that Turkish soldiers opened fire on Bulgarian frontier guards in two incidents in the Svilengrad sector of the Turco-Bulgarian frontier on Nov. 15 and 16. —Reuter.

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It has been announced from New Delhi that a Standstill Agreement has been arrived at between the States Ministry and the Hyderabad Delegation.

We await with keen interest Mr. Kazim Razvi's verbal non-standstill reactions.

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Important inter-Dominion discussions at the highest level between India and Pakistan are, reported the A.P.I. on Tuesday, expected to take place in the Indian capital in the next few days.

The News Agency meant Messrs. Liaquat Ali Khan and Ghulam Muhammad. A plausible mistake.

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According to a Lahore telegram, the All-India Muslim League is to be wound up in order that Indian Muslims should be absolved of their loyalty and allegiance to the League and given a free choice.....

In order, that is, to relieve League Muslims of India of Sinbad and its legs. We hope they celebrate the occasion fittingly.

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It is, adds the Lahore report, also likely that the Muslim League in the Pakistan Dominion will be replaced by a Pakistan National League open to all.

There goes the two-nation theory, fact and all.

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Speaking in the Lords, the Conservative peer, Earl of Munster, profoundly regretted that Burma should have decided to leave the Empire and "travel the lonely road" in "an uneasy world".

Like the United States, France, Sweden, Turkey etc., etc. Too bad, too bad.

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Sir Mahomed Zafrullah asked in the Palestine Committee: "Where does the Charter confer authority to do what the Partition Sub-Committee recommends?"

Whereat Mr. Herschel Johnson and Comrade Semyon Tsarapkin rose simultaneously and shouted in unison We—sorry, "I Am The Charter".

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In the same Committee Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Jewish leader declared: "The British withdrawal will leave Arabs and Jews in circumstances where a clash is unavoidable. In such a case the Jews will not find themselves alone".

We unreservedly agree.

Leaguer's Adjournment Disallowed

Issue Of Searches For Arms In Madras Assembly

MADRAS, Nov. 26. (A.P.I.): The Madras Assembly passed into law two pieces of legislation dealing with social reform.

The first was the Devadasi Bill based on the lines of the Bombay Devadasi Act. The Suppression of Immoral Traffic (Amendment) Bill was also passed into law.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION NOT ALLOWED

The Madras Assembly today refused leave to the leader of the Muslim League Party, Mr. Mohammed Ismail, for moving an adjournment motion to discuss the question of recent searches in Muslim quarters and arrests made in Kistna, Guntur and Kurnool Districts.

Dr. Subbaroyan, Home Minister, said that they could not take for granted the loyalty of certain Muslims to the Indian Dominion on account of their past actions. He opposed leave being granted to the adjournment motion as he felt that a debate on the subject at present would only worsen the situation.

The House refused leave for the motion by an overwhelming majority.

The Speaker also declined a request by the Muslim League Leader, Mr. Ismail, for half an hours debate on the subject at the end of the day.

M.L.A. ON HUNGER-STRIKE

Mr. R. Kuppuswamy, member of the Madras Assembly representing Coimbatore Labour Constituency, went on a hunger-strike today as a protest against the indefinite closure of two textile mills in Coimbatore.

Mr. Kuppuswamy who is fasting in his quarters at Government House, Mount Road, stated that he had taken this step to focus the attention of the Government to the gravity of the situation and urge them to intervene and see that the mills are reopened.

Shanmukham's Assurance To Big Business

Effects Of Taxation To Be Reviewed

LABOUR & CAPITAL MUST STEP UP PRODUCTION

Refugees And Food Subsidies Make Big Hole In Budget

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managed by the Reserve Bank till September 30, 1948.

ECONOMIC POSITION

The Finance Minister then referred to the marked deterioration in the economic conditions of the country since March last. This had been aggravated by the communal disturbances in the Punjab and the North-West Frontier Province which had led to widespread economic dislocation and large movements of population on a scale unprecedented in history. These problems had placed a heavy burden on the Central Exchequer, the magnitude of which it was still not possible to assess.

The food position had also continued to cause grave anxiety. The results of the "grow more food" campaign had been disappointing and in the three and a half years ended September last the country had imported nearly 5 1/2 million tons of foodgrains at a cost of Rs. 169 crores. Prices had shown an unchecked upward tendency, there had been a decline in agricultural and industrial production and increases in wages and salaries had widened the gap between purchasing power and available supplies. There had been a substantial fall in production of cotton textiles, steel and cement. The Finance Minister emphasised that if the economy of the country was to be placed on a sound footing and maintained in a healthy condition it was of the utmost importance to increase internal production. With the large scale import of foodgrains and the blocking of sterling balances the hope of procuring supplies from abroad was small and the country had to fall back on its own resources. The recent scheme for increasing textile production would be followed up by exploring similar possibilities in other fields. Mr. Shanmukham Chetty underlined the need for an appreciation of the situation by labour and its wholehearted co-operation.

REVENUE

Presenting the financial estimates for the rest of the current year, the Minister warned that "they must be treated as very tentative as it has not been possible to assess with any measure of accuracy the effects of partition on our revenue and expenditure" The figures he gave were:—

(In crores of Rupees)

Revenue	171.15
Expenditure	197.39
Deficit	26.24

He pointed out that the final deficit might be higher because the actual amount likely to be required for meeting the expenditure in connection with the relief and rehabilitation of refugees was still very uncertain. Some help might also have to be given to the new Provinces of West Bengal and East Punjab.

Revenue receipts were estimated at Rs. 171.15 crores. Customs receipts were placed at Rs. 50.5 crores while income-tax was expected to yield Rs. 29.5 crores on account of E.P.T. and Rs. 88.5 crores on account of ordinary collections. The divisible pool of income-tax was estimated at Rs. 66 crores of which the Provincial share would be Rs. 30 crores. The surplus from the Posts and Telegraphs Department was estimated at Rs. 2.03 crores. For reasons clear from the Railway Budget, no contribution was expected from the Railways during the year.

EXPENDITURE

Of the total expenditure of Rs. 197.39 crores Defence Services accounted for Rs. 92.74 crores and Civil estimates for Rs. 104.65 crores.

Dealing with Defence expenditure the Finance Minister mentioned that the reconstitution of the armed forces into two Dominion armies could not be completed by the 15th August, 1947. This work had been entrusted to a Joint Defence Council and was expected to be completed in the more important fields by the end of this month. The future size and composition of the Armed Forces had been engaging the attention of Government. After the reconstitution of the Army India would have an Army of 260,000 men against 230,000 men planned for undivided India. The British Forces in India were in process of repatriation which was expected to be completed by April, 1948. The Finance Minister explained that the rapidly changing conditions this year had made it difficult to frame an estimate of the Defence expenditure. The suspension of demobilisation when the partition of the country was decided upon, the implementation of the Post-war Pay Committee's recommendations, movement of troops and stores in connection with reconstitution and the calling out of troops in aid of the civil power had all contributed to increased expenditure.

The Civil estimates included Rs. 22 1/2 crores for subsidies on imported foodgrains and Rs. 22 crores for the evacuation and relief of refugees. The magnitude of the burden likely to be placed on central revenues by the refugees problem was still not clear but, said the Finance Minister, "Whatever the final arrangement in this behalf may be, I have no doubt that it is the desire of all sections of the House that financial considerations should not stand in the way of affording relief to these unfortunate people and in alleviating their sufferings in one of the most poignant human tragedies that could take place outside a war".

Analysing the estimates of civil expenditure the Finance Minister pointed out that after excluding special items like expenditure on refugees, resettlement and subsidies on imported foodgrains and obligatory expenditure on interest and pension payments, the ordinary expenditure amounted to Rs. 30 1/2 crores of which Rs. 12 crores was on nation building activities in which the Centre supplemented the work of the Provincial Governments. The expenditure on administration, civil works, etc., only accounted for 18 per cent of the total expenditure. Mr. Shanmukham Chetty pointed out that in addition to the 12 crores of rupees mentioned above, the budget provided Rs. 20.39 crores for grants to Provinces and Rs. 15 crores for Development Loans.

WAYS AND MEANS

Turning to the Ways and Means position, the Finance Minister said that the current year's borrowing target of Rs. 150 crores would not be reached. Uncertainties in the political situation before the 15th August and communal disturbances in the country had not been without effect on the securities market. Stating that there was no large sustained demand for investment, and the public were hesitant to take up Government loans he gave the assurance that the public need have no lingering doubts about responsibility for the repayment of the outstanding debt because the Indian Government remained responsible to the bond holder. The need for money was as urgent as ever for the Government to finance their own development plans and to assist the Provincial Governments to implement their development schemes. It was also necessary, in order to combat inflationary forces, to withdraw from the public as much surplus purchasing power as possible through Government loans.

Mr. Shanmukham Chetty referred to criticism in certain quarters of the cheap money policy. "Our efforts", he promised, "will now be directed towards consolidating and stabilising the position so far gained. There is no intention on the part of the Government to reverse the policy and thereby jeopardise the interests of those who have trusted the Government with their money. Our borrowing programme will be such as will enable us to obtain the funds required by Government as cheaply as possible without in any way affecting the flow of investment into industry".

The Finance Minister also said that it was his intention to reorganise the Small Savings Movement and, in co-operation with Provincial Governments, to take steps to place the movement on a permanent footing. Appealing to the House to co-operate to the full with Government in their borrowing programme, he said, "if the standard of living of our people is to be substantially raised, by undertaking large schemes of development, both the rich and the middle classes should come forward to place their savings at the disposal of the Government".

STERLING BALANCES

Turning to the Sterling Balances, "which represent the entire foreign exchange reserves of this country," Mr. Chetty referred to the depletion of these balances which had amounted to nearly Rs. 186 crores in the last eighteen months and said that it was the Government's aim that the accumulated reserves should be drawn upon broadly speaking, only for the purpose of purchasing capital goods for the development of the agricultural and industrial productivity of the country. Normal day-to-day requirements should be met from abroad through the earnings of current exports.

He stated that the new restrictive import policy together with certain restrictions which had been placed on remittances abroad, in particular on the transference of Indian capital had begun to show desired effects and India's Sterling Balances had fallen from July to November 1947 only Rs. 21 crores. He pointed out that the new import policy made no discrimination between currencies and imports from the dollar area were being treated on the same basis as imports from the sterling area. This position had been brought about by the Indo-British Sterling Balances Agreement which would hold good until December 31, 1947. In spite of Britain's dollar crisis, which had compelled H.M.G. to break their agreement with various countries regarding the free convertibility of sterling into dollars, the Indo-British Agreement remained unaltered and intact.

Referring to the Empire Dollar Pool, Mr. Chetty said that a more correct name for this arrangement would be the "Sterling Area Pool of Foreign Exchange." India's net contribution between September 1939 and March 1947 was Rs. 92 crores worth of hard currencies—the equivalent of dol. 275 millions. In 1946-47 India had a net deficit of Rs. 22 crores of hard currencies and during April to June 1947, the net deficit had amounted to a further Rs. 15 crores.

"Generally speaking, however, said the Finance Minister, "I would say that thanks to our policy of foreign exchange restriction, we hope to end the year in a fairly comfortable financial position externally What definite policy we will follow from next year I am not now in a position to say, because our agreement terminates at the end of this year and we do not yet know what kind of agreement will replace it. I fear, however, that in view of the dollar crisis which has threatened not only the U.K. but the entire world, we may be in somewhat greater difficulty in the matter of dollar exchange than we are now. We hope to enter shortly into further discussions with the U. K. Government on the subject of the sterling balances."

POST-WAR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding Post-war Planning and Development the Finance Minister mentioned that a provision of Rs. 20.39 crores had been included in the budget for grants to Provinces and Rs. 15 crores for loans to them. He recalled that in the last budget speech, his predecessor drew attention to the fact the resources available to the then Central Government for planning and development were likely to be less than what was originally estimated. "What he said then for the then Central Government," Mr. Shanmukham Chetty declared. "is equally applicable to the present Government and in the light of the reduced resources likely to be available it may be necessary to re-draw the development plans and re-arrange their priorities. This does not however mean that there has been any change in the Government's policy of giving all the assistance in their power to the Provincial Governments for implementing their development schemes. It merely emphasises the need for the Provinces mobilising all their resources for this purpose, and I have no doubt that this is recognised by the Provinces themselves." He stressed that there was a large measure of uncertainty about the allocation of resoaurces between the Centre and the Provinces and until this had been decided it would be difficult to make any forecast of Central resources or determine the extent to which they would be available for development. He hoped shortly to re-examine the development schemes with the Provincial Governments. The Finance Minister gave an assurance to the Provinces on behalf of the Central Government that all approved schemes of development would be continued and necessary funds would be made available for them. He however urged on the Provinces the need for conserving their resources and for effecting the most rigid economy in expenditure.

In the Central field, progress on development schemes was being maintained. "We are going forward" he said, "with all the sanctioned schemes, particularly those schemes of river development with long range benefits to the country." He announced that an agreement had been reached between the Central Government and the Provinces concerned regarding the setting up of the Damodar Valley Authority. Another scheme likely to be considered very shortly was the Hirakud Dam Project in Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 48 crores. It was hoped that an agreement would shortly be reached with the Orissa Government and the Orissa States after which the actual work of construction would begin early in 1948. It was also proposed to concentrate on the construction of the Bakhra Dam in the East Punjab.

DEFICIT

After considering whether any part of this year's deficit should be covered by additional taxation, Mr. Shanmukham Chetty said that he had decided to leave it largely uncovered. "If, for any reason, our ordinary expenditure threatens to outrun our revenue there will be a clear case for either reducing expenditure to within the available revenue or raising additional revenue to meet the expenditure." He pointed out that circumstances during the period under review had been abnormal and the deficit was entirely due to these abnormal factors. It must also be remembered that no credit had been taken in the estimates for Pakistan's share of the expenditure on pensions and interest. "If these factors are allowed for, the budgetted deficit, of Rs. 26.24 crores will be converted into a surplus".

Nevertheless he felt justified in tapping any available source of income if it could be done without adding to the burden of the ordinary man. He then announced that the existing export duty on cotton cloth and yarn of 3 per cent. "ad valorem" would be replaced by a duty of 4 annas per square yard on cotton cloth and 6 annas a pound on cotton yarn. In a full year this would bring Rs. 8 crores but the net additional revenue this year would amount to Rs. 1.65 crores leaving a final deficit of Rs. 24.59 crores.

GENERAL FINANCIAL POSITION

Although this was the eighth consecutive deficit budget the Minister expressed himself as satisfied with the soundness of India's revenue position. "The years covered by these budgets", he recalled, "have been overshadowed by the greatest war in history, and no country, whether neutral or belligerent, has been able to escape its economic effects or its aftermath."

Stating that the return to peace-time conditions had been slower than expected, the Minister added, "even this tardy progress has been retarded by the recent partition of the country and the unhappy developments in the Punjab."

Regarding the general financial position of the country, the Finance Minister emphasised that although partition had economically and strategically weakened both the Dominions created by it, the Indian Dominion with its acceding States would still cover the larger part of the country, with immense resources in men, material and industrial potential. He expressed the view that the debt position of the country was intrinsically sound; for a country of its size, India carried only a relatively small burden of unproductive debt. The country's external debt was negligible and she had considerable external resources in the form of sterling balances. He commented, "The share of Pakistan in these has not yet been determined but it is unlikly to affect the broad proportions of this picture."

In regard to food he emphasised that the country could not depend indefinitely on imports for a vital necessity; such imports "seriously affect our foreign exchange position and threaten to consume the bulk of the available resources which are badly required for the industrialisation and development of the country."

Referring to the criticism in certain quarters that the level of taxation in the last Budget had seriously affected the incentive for investment, Mr. Shanmukham Chetty undertook to make a careful examination of the consequences of the taxation policy before the annual Budget and endeavour to make such adjustments as may be necessary.

CONCLUSION

In a striking peroration the Finance Minister made an appeal to all sections of the community to co-operate with Government. He put forth a strong plea for the rigorous enforcement of law and order and wound up the speech with the following words:

"Respect for law is essentially a matter of political training and tradition and transition from dependent to an independent status always makes it difficult in the initial stages to secure that unflinching obedience to the rule of law which always acquires a new meaning in a new political context. If the fabric of the State is not built on durable foundations, it will be futile to try and fill it with the material and moral contents of a good life. If India just risen from bondage, is to realise her destiny as the leader of Asia and take her place in the front rank of free nations, she would require all the disciplined effort her sons can put forth in the years immediately ahead. The willing help and co-operation of all sections of the community is required in maintaining peace and order in increasing production and in avoiding internecine quarrels whether between communities or between capital and labour. I am sure my appeal for this help and co-operation will not go in vain."

Joint Defence Council

To Continue Existence Inspite Of Supreme Comander's Quitting

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26. (API): The Joint Defence Council which met in Delhi today decided that the Council should continue in existence, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the Supreme Commander after November 20.

The Council also decided to set up temporarily an Inter-Dominion Committee in the place of the Armed Forces Reconstitution Committee to be known as the Executive Committee of the Joint Defence Council.

SABOTAGE NOT TO BE TOLERATED

Another subject discussed by the Council related to a number of instances in which the orders of the Council concerning the division and movement of stores had not been obeyed. This was stated to be largely due to action on the part of certain subordinate officers who might be under the impression that they were acting in a patriotic manner in sabotaging and delaying the movement of stores from one Dominion to other. Both the Governments declared that neither of them will be prepared to tolerate any further instances of disobedience in this matter from subordinate officers and officials. Exemplary punishment would be meted out to offenders.

The composition of the Joint Defence Council will be changed to include two Ministers, instead of one from each Dominion Government. At least one of the officers in Chief Command of the three Defence Services of each Dominion will attend every meeting in an advisory capacity. Certain other alterations will also be required to the Joint Defence Council order, issued on 11th August. A draft amendment order was agreed and will be submitted tor the signatures of the two Governors-General.

The Inter-Dominion Committee will be known as the Executive Committee of the Joint Defence Council. It will consist basically of the Secretaries of the Defence Ministries of India and Pakistan, with appropriate Service Chiefs attending as full members as requisite. It will meet alternately, at fortnightly intervals, in either Dominion. The Dominion acting as host will in each case find the Chairman.

It was also decided to appoint a number of supervisory teams each consisting of an officer and two Viceroy's Commissioned Officers of the Ordnance Services of the two Dominions. These teams will be appointed to the various Central Ordnance Depots Ammunition Depots and Vehicle Depots throughout India and Pakistan. India teams will be appointed in Pakistan and Pakistan teams in India.

The duties of the teams will be two-fold—to supervise the selection, sealing and despatch of stores allocated to their own Dominion; and to supervise the opening of packages received from their own Dominion when such packages have arrived in wagons with broken seals, or have apparently been damaged or tampered with whilst in transit.

The officer in charge of each team shall have direct access to the Commanding Officer of the Depot to which he is appointed; and the teams will work under the general direction and supervision of the Special Ordnance Stores Sub-Committee (Reconstitution) (O.S.S.C.R.) already established under orders of the Joint Defence Council.

Officers in charge of teams will, therefore, submit their progress reports direct to OSSCR, with a copy to the Commanding Officer of the Depot, to which they are appointed.

The teams who will work under the authority of the Joint Defence Council, will be withdrawn at the orders of OSSCR., when their duties are completed in the depot to which they are appointed.

Pre-Censorship On All Delhi Papers

U. P. Govt. To Ban Pakistan Radio In Public Places

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (API): No incident of a communal nature took place in Delhi today, says a Communique.

The curfew imposed by the District Magistrate on Nov. 23 expired this morning and the order has not been renewed.

The District Magistrate, Delhi, has directed the printers, publishers and editors of all English, Urdu and Hindi daily newspapers published from Delhi Province to submit for scrutiny all matter including news, comments, photographs and cartoons relating to the communal disturbances or incidents in Delhi Province except official Communiques.

This order takes immediate effect and will remain in force for a week.

U.P. BAN LIKELY ON PAKISTAN RADIO

LUCKNOW, Nov. 25 (API) The listening-in of Pakistan Radio broadcasts at public places is likely to be banned in the United Provinces.

The District authorities at Kanpur and Bareilly have already taken action in the matter.

The Government have proscribed the copies of a circular alleged to have originated from Pakistan which asked the Muslims to migrate from the Indian Union to Pakistan and incited those who stayed behind to undermine the security of the Indian Union. About 50,000 copies of the circular are estimated to have been distributed in U.P.

U. P. To Prohibit Carrying Arms To Pakistan

LUCKNOW, Nov. 25 (API.) Persons leaving for Pakistan are likely to be prohibited from carrying their arms with them. A proposal to this effect is under the consideration of the U. P. Government.

It is emphasised that there is a shortage of weapons in U. P. and the carrying away of arms and ammunition—even licensed arms—to Pakistan, would greatly affect the existing stock of arms in the province.

The provincial Government, it is understood, have decided to approach the Government of India as the matter concerns them and the Government of Pakistan.

British Police Officers In U.P. In League With Pakistan?

LUCKNOW, Nov. 25 (API.) Disciplinary action against a British police official serving in U. P. whose letters addressed to officials in Pakistan were alleged to have been recovered recently from a Pakistan bound plane by the U. P. police, is contemplated by the provincial Government, it is learnt.

AGARWAL SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES

KARACHI, Nov. 26 (UPI): Mr. Hansraj Agarwal, a prominent hardware merchant, who was missing since Friday last was found wounded and unconscious near a place four miles from the city and removed to hospital where he succumbed without regaining consciousness. It is stated that the tragedy must be due to some personal quarrel in the family.

EMERGENCY IN GREATER BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Nov. 26 (API): The proclamation of emergency in greater Bombay has been renewed for a further period of one month from November 28.

ONE KILLED IN CLASH WITH 'DURWANS'

CALCUTTA, Nov. 26 (API): One person was killed and 3 others injured in a fracas between 'Durwans' of a company and some local residents in Tolygunge area of South Calcutta today. Four arrests have been made.

The incident has no communal significance.

SEVERAL KILLED IN BIHAR VILLAGE CLASH

MUZAFFARPUR, Nov. 26 (API): A communal clash occurred in the village of Shibnagar in Muzaffarpur District on Nov. 24, resulting, it is stated, in the loss of several lives and the burning of some houses. The situation is now stated to be completely under control.

The incident, it is stated, followed the taking out of processions by the two communities which clashed with each other.

JUNAGADH STATE LANCERS DISBANDED

JUNAGADH, Nov. 26, (A.P.I.): The Junagadh State Lancers and Infantry have been disbanded by the Administrator. The "Arab Sirbandhi" Contingent manned by foreigners has also been disbanded.

The police have arrested about 300 persons in connection with the recent disturbances at Bantwa.

In a clash at Keshod an important centre of communications, four looters were killed and over 15 wounded and 40 taken prisoner.

STUDENTS HAVE THEIR WAY IN BANGALORE

BANGALORE, Nov. 26, (A.P.I.): A large number of students entered the Mysore University Senate Hall this morning while a meeting of the Senate was in progress, and demonstrated until the Senate passed a resolution congratulating the State Congress, the people and the students on the "successful termination" of the Satyagraha movement in the State.

The resolution was ruled out of order yesterday by the Vice-Chancellor, Sultan Mohideen the ruling was followed by a walk out by Congress members of the Senate.

BHOPAL REFORMS

BHOPAL, Nov. 26, (A.P.I.): The Prime Minister of the Bhopal State has made a public announcement assuring the State's people that the long delayed constitutional reforms scheme would be published by the end of this month. He has also expressed the hope that the State's subjects and political organisations will refrain from framing any proposal of their own until the said constitution is made public.

GWALIOR STATE CONGRESS BOYCOTTS REFORMS COMMITTEE

GWALIOR, Nov. 26, (U.P.I.): The Gwalior State Congress Party has boycotted the session of the Constitutional Reforms Committee as a protest against the Hindu Sabha representative in the Committee against the terms of the compromise arrived at between the State Congress and the Government.

MORE FR. WORKERS TO JOIN STRIKE

PARIS, Nov. 26, (Reuter): The French C. G. T.—General Confederation or Labour—today called on all builders to join the 1,000,000 workers already on strike.

20 RUSSIANS EXPELLED

PARIS, Nov. 26, (U. P. A.): Twenty Russians were ordered expelled from France for "extension of their activities outside the realm of their work" by the national police, it was officially disclosed today.

LAKH MISSING IN BAHAWALPUR

Loss In Property Equally Heavy, Says Indian States Ministry Press Note

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26. (A.P.I.): In a recent press statement issued from Karachi, the Prime Minister of Bahawalpur complained that Sardar Patel had singled out Bahawalpur for having caused grievous loss of life and property to non-Muslims, says a press note issued by the Ministry of States.

OVER ONE LAKH UNACCOUNTED FOR

The non-Muslim population of Bahawalpur State, according to the 1941 census, was 2.4 lakhs which, allowing for the normal increase is now estimated to be about 2.7 lakhs. Of these, between 70,000 and 80,000 have recently had to leave the State as a result of the disturbances, the number left behind being stated to be in the neighbourhood of 70,000.

This leaves over one lakh of persons unaccounted for. Information with the Ministry of States shows that an overwhelming majority of those who are untraceable have been either killed or forcibly converted during and after the recent disturbances.

LOSS IN PROPERTY EQUALLY HEAVY

The loss in property has been equally heavy. At least 225 Chaks valued today at not less than seven crores of rupees and at least six Mandi towns with their shops and stocks have had to be abandoned. Negotiations for the evacuation of the remaining non-Muslims from this State are still in progress.

Mr. Menon has no recollection of the words put into his mouth. Neither did he call Bahawalpur "a paradise compared with East and West Punjab."

D. F. KARAKA:

Off My Chest

Now you wouldn't think the Dutch are communal-minded, would you? They are. In a newspaper I picked up at a local industrial shop yesterday afternoon, I read a two-column headline entitled, "De Parsees in India".

The Dutch paper rightly says: "Bij al het woelen der conflicten tuschen ..... bij al de Schommelingen Van Bestuur en het instellen van nieuwe wetten....." and so on.

I read further and the next words I understand are "George V Koning Van Engeland". Next comes "Tata's Industrie opgericht door J. N. Tata..."

After a couple more paragraphs on "Tata-Concern" and a reference to "Jamshedpur", the paper goes on to say: "Van een afstand hebben wij een dergelijke uitvaart weleens gadegeslagen n.l. Opde bekende Malabar Hill te Bombay ....."

After reading this article I felt Pandit Nehru was right when he threw in his lot and ours with Indonesia.

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Speaking of industry, commerce etc.—subjects in which Indian business are naturally and always interested, I understand that an interesting Indian is returning to India after an absence of many years. He is Hiranmaya Pranananda Ghose, founder of the Hindarad House at La Tour de Peils near Montreux. This Indian has had the distinction of being interned by the Germans and the British in Europe during the last war. He left his father's home early in life to carve out a career for himself. Today Mr. Ghose has made some unique contacts in conquered countries with whom he has opened business connections. His main aim—inspite of his business success—has always been to help India and to present India to the people of Europe. He welcomes and entertains every Indian who comes near his house and wishes that his house be considered an open house for Indians.

Mr. Ghose is married to the Countess of Auresberg and is more or less settled in Europe. He is coming here on a short visit.

Social and Personal: According to a kind invitation just received, I understand that Eve of Eve's Weekly has found Adam. This season seems to be full of weddings—first Princess Elisabeth and now Eve. (American papers, please copy).

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SIX PERSONS were convicted and sentenced for importing rationed articles without the necessary permit—TATYA GANU to four months' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50 or two weeks' simple imprisonment; SURI DINKAR to two months' simple imprisonment; and a fine of Rs. 40 or two weeks' simple imprisonment; SONI KRISHNA to six weeks' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 30 or one week's simple imprisonment; SUNDRI NANA to one month's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 30 or one week's simple imprisonment; PRATAP GIRDHAR to one month's simple imprisonment; SAKHA DAMA to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 or four weeks' simple imprisonment, and RADHIBAI DADU to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50 or one month's simple imprisonment.

FOR SUPPLYING SUGAR without a ration document and for profiteering in the same, NABIBHERKHAN SARMALKHAN was convicted and sentenced to ten months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 300 or one month and two weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

ZAVER RANCHOD and SHANTIBAI BASU NARU were convicted and sentenced to six months simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50 or one week's simple imprisonment, and to two months' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 or one month's simple imprisonment respectively.

FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY DEPARTURES, or to surrender ration cards and drawal of rations on absentee's ration cards, six persons were convicted and sentenced—PREMCHAND VERSI to a fine of Rs. 500 or two months' rigorous imprisonment; RUKMANGAD RAMJI KALE to a fine of Rs. 220 or eight weeks' simple imprisonment; SHANKAR NARAYAN and VASANTLAL BALUBHAI KAPADIA to a fine of Rs. 70 or one month and one week's simple imprisonment each; RAMNATH BENI MAHADEV to a fine of Rs. 65 or one month's simple imprisonment and DEVRAJ GOSAR to a fine of Rs. 50 or, one month's simple imprisonment.

Control Of Salt Production

Central Govt. To Issue New Order

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (A.P.I.): Dr. Syamaprasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industries and Supplies, said in a written reply to Prof. N. G. Ranga in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) that it was Government's intention to issue a Salt Control Order very shortly. Control of production in the sense of discouraging the opening of new factories or extending existing factories was being removed. The control of production envisaged by the Salt Control Order would be designed to secure conditions which would result in increased production of salt and improvement in the quality of the salt produced.

It was proposed to remove all restrictions on private manufacture of salt, Government control being retained only on organised manufacture.

The present produtcion of salt in the country, including Kathiawar and Travancore, was about five crore maunds and the consumption, including states, was five and half crore maunds: the difference represented the dependence of this country upon imported salt.

SUGAR TO BE DECONTROLLED

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Food Minister, said in reply to a supplementary question that Government had taken a decision to decontrol sugar but the date and other details had not been worked out.

Dr. Mokerjee said in reply to Dr. P. S. Deshmukh that the whole subject of nationalisation was now being reconsidered and Government hoped to make an announcement shortly.

Dr. Mookerjee said in reply to the same member that real first class experts were difficult to get from foreign countries on account of rehabilitation that was going on in those countries, but some experts were available for work in India, especially from Germany. Some firms had been able to secure suitable experts and necessary travel facilities had been given to bring them over to India. Steps were also being taken to get some experts from Japan on the requisition of industries. Industries had also been helped to get experts from America on a short term basis. Several nationals of enemy countries who were interned in India during the war, had been made available to various industries requiring their services.

4 LAKH TONS OF FOODGRAINS FROM ARGENTINA

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Food Minister, said in reply to Pandit Lakshmi Kanta Maitra that a quantity of 4.4 lakh tons of foodgrains had been contracted for from Argentina against 60,000 tons of hessian during the current year upto November 15. 1,300 tons of foodgrains were received from Aden, Abyssinia and Iraq against quotas of 42 lakh yards of textiles given in part cost of the grain. The total cost of imports from abroad was Rs. 81.86 crores.

One shipment of 8,687 tons of wheat was given to Pakistan in November 1947. The value of this shipment was approximately Rs. 26 lakhs. A quantity of 15,000 tons of Cuban sugar was allocated to Pakistan. The approximate cost of this sugar was Rs. 81 lakhs.

Dr. Mookerjee, in a written reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, said that the expenditure per year on the maintenance of controls in respect of textiles was Rs. 41,57,000 steel and iron Rs. 27,43,865, coal Rs. 17,40,192 and newsprint Rs. 87,595.

Dr. Mookerjee said in reply to Prof. N. G. Raga that it was proposed to convene a conference of ministers in charge of industries in the Provinces and important Indian States early in December to ascertain, among other things, the views of the provinces on the subject of decontrol.

TELEPHONE SERVICE IMPROVES?

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Communications Minister, said in reply to Mr. Mohanlal Saxena that the telephone service in Delhi was showing signs of improvement and further improvement was expected in the near future. He detailed various steps that had been or were being taken to improve the service.

Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru: Who told the Honourable Member that the telephone service in Delhi has improved recently? (laughter).

Mr. Kidwai: That is my personal experience (more laughter) Mr. Mohanlal Saxena: Is he aware that his own telephone was out of order for days?

Mr. Khandekar: Is he aware that conversations between two people on the Delhi telephone can be overheard by a third person?

EXTRA-PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION OF CENTRAL GOVT.

Sardar Introduces Bill In Indian Parliament

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26, (A.P.I.): The Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel introduced in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) today a Bill to provide for the exercise of certain extra-provincial jurisdiction of the Central Government.

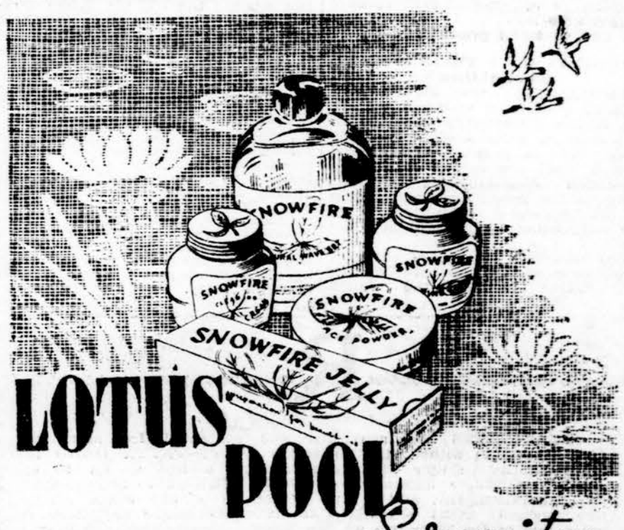
The statement of objects and reasons of the Bill says that the Central Government have acquired by agreement, treaty, usage, etc. certain powers and jurisdiction in the non-jurisdictional and semi-jurisdictional States and Talukas of Western India and Manipur.

The Central Government have in consequence, assumed certain functions in relation to the administration of these areas. In order to provide legal machinery for the exercise of these functions, the Extra-Provincial Jurisdiction Ordinance was promulgated. It is now proposed to replace the Ordinance by an act of the Dominion Legislature. The present Bill empowers the Central Government to exercise in the areas outside the provinces jurisdiction and powers acquired by the Central Government, by treaties and agreements and validates action already taken by the Government and its officers.

BILL TO AMEND MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, introduced a Bill further to amend the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1938. The Bill repeals an Ordinance recently issued regarding the registration of ships and enables Government to exercise control over the transfer or acquisition by any person of any ship registered in India or any share or interest therein. Provision has also been made in the Bill for conferring powers on Government to exempt ships from complying with any particular requirement of the Merchant Shipping Act.

Mr. Gadgil also introduced a Bill to provide for the rationalisation of the production and supply of electricity, and generally for taking measures conducive to the electrical development of the provinces of India.



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Manipur Ruler's Appeal To His Subjects

Give A Trial To New Constitution

SHILLONG, November 25 (API): His Highness the Maharaja of Manipur in a declaration reiterated that the draft constitution drawn up and submitted in July last by the constitution-making committee of the State "consisting of elected representatives of the plains and hills people of Manipur" would be given effect to without delay.

The declaration which was read by the Chief Minister, Maharajkumar Priya Brata Singh, at a mass meeting at Imphal added:

"There appears to be no reason why this constitution which, I am advised ensures full responsible Government, should not be given a trial. I am however prepared to invite and consider the opinion and advice of the Constitutional Adviser of the Constituent Assembly of the Indian Dominion on the draft constitution, as to whether any clause in it conflicts against the concept of responsible Government".

The Chief Minister appealed to Manipuris that no time should be wasted in bickerings and asked them to work out the constitution to the full advantage of the people. He expressed his determination to maintain law and order and firmly control all subversive activities.

The Indian Dominion Agent, Mr. Debeswar Sarma, in an address said that the Dominion could not look upon chaos and disorder in this frontier state with equanimity. There should be peace, progress and the rule of law. The Dominion Government was interested in the attainment of these objectives and he sought the whole-hearted co-operation of all peoples of Manipur State for this end.

Mr. Sarma added that responsible Government would be introduced in the State by April 1948.

INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL

AMRITSAR, Nov. 25 (API): India's first Ambassador to Nepal, Sardar Surjit Singa Majithia left Amritsar to-day for Khatmandu.

CRUDE BOMBS DISCOVERED IN LALAPET

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Nov. 25. (A.P.I.): Three crude bombs were reported to have been discovered in a vacant house in Lalapet near Secunderabad today. They were later removed by the police for examination.

An armed mob stopped a railway bus between Ashwarpet and Khammometh on the Kazipet-Bezwada section of N. S. Railway and drove it to the Indian Union Territory, according to reports reaching here.

A decision of the Indian Christian Association in Secunderabad has been notified that churches will be used for giving shelter to members of all communities in the event of disturbances.

MORE ROCKBURSTS IN KOLAR

10 Feared To Be Dead

BANGALORE, Nov. 25. (A.P.I.): "Information has been received that a series of heavy rock bursts occurred yesterday between 11-45 a.m. and 12-15 p.m. in the Champion Reef mine resulting in the loss of some lives. The levels affected were 82 and 83 of the heathcote shaft of the mine", said an official press note on the rock bursts in Kolar Gold Fields yesterday.

It added "the latest information is that at first 20 people were found missing of whom five were rescued later that out of the remaining 15, the rescue party was able to effect the rescue of five more who were taken to hospital where they are said to be progressing satisfactorily. The remaining 10 are, it is feared, killed. Among them was one European underground mining engineer of the mine and one Anglo-Indian foreman and a student of the occupational institute, Bangalore".

RELEASING STERLING BALANCES

'Britain Cannot Afford' Says 'Financial Times'

LONDON, Nov. 26 (Reuter): Britain cannot afford in the present circumstances to grant requests from India and Egypt for further releases from their sterling balances, said the 'Financial Times in a leading article today.

Recalling that the present stop-gap arrangements with these countries were due to run out on December 31 this year, the 'Financial Times' wrote:

"It may be doubted whether the British representatives will feel it wise to press for anything but extension of the interim arrangements with India and Egypt when negotiations for post-December arrangements begin next month.

"Both countries will be principally interested in obtaining releases from old sterling balances to finance dollar imports and excess imports from the sterling area during the coming year. In our present straitened circumstances we obviously cannot afford to grant such requests.

But if the case made out for the utilisation of sterling reserves for essential imports is too pressing to be denied, the "Financial Times" continued, it must be made clear that permission to use such resources is being granted not because we feel obliged even in our present distresses to repay the debts incurred in a common cause, but because we deem it unjust to refuse the use by these countries in crisis conditions, of some portion of the currency reserves they have accumulated in London in the past.

U.S. STOP-GAP AID PROGRAMME

Emergency Assistance To China To Be Included

WASHINGTON, November 26, (Reuter): Emergency assistance to China will be included in the United States stop-gap aid programme—as well as to France, Italy and Austria—under recommendations to be made by the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, it was learned here late tonight.

The Committee will also propose a reduction in total funds from 597,000,000 dollars to 549,000,000 dollars in addition to alloting 60,000,000 dollars of the overall sum to China, it was learned.

The cut of over 100,000,000 dollars (£25,000,000) on the figure of the State Department, which Mr. George Marshall himself described as "rock bottom", was regarded as a serious threat to the European emergency programme.

Committee sources disclosed that the cuts were made because the Committee considered the revised figures would cover all the commodities that would be available.

The suggestion that China should be included in the interim aid is in flat opposition to the views of Mr. Marshall who in recent committee hearings contended that that country's need for emergency assistance was not comparable in urgency to the requirements of Europpe.

PAKISTAN TO BECOME MEMBER OF I. C. A. O.

MONTREAL, November 25. (Reuter): Pakistan has completed the necessary formalities and will become a member of the International Civil Aviation Organisation on December 10, bringing the membership to 45, it was announced here today.

COAL DEPOSITS FOUND NEAR PESHAWAR

PESHAWAR, Nov. 25. (API): Large deposits of coal have been discovered in Tirah Hills near village Stinkana about 30 miles East of Peshawar it is reported.

The one-foot deep upper layer of lignite coal is said to be moistened while the lower layer which is tiny black though brittle can be used as steam coal and in fire places and small boilers.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE

U.N. Non-Members Fight For Voting Power

HAVANA, Nov. 26 (Reuter).—Argentina has issued an ultimatum to the International Trade Conference meeting here that she will "make reservations" on all the conference's resolutions if the 11 Non-United Nations members taking part are not given full voting powers.

Argentina has been fighting for three days to win voting right at the 62-nation talks for non-members of the United Nations despite advice from M. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary General, that the General Assembly ruling should stand.

The non-member nations are: Austria, Italy, Burma, Southern Rhodesia, Finland, Portugal, Switzerland, the Transjordan, Indonesia, Eire and Ceylon.

Mr. Arthur Bottomley, leader of the British delegation, agreed at last night's meeting of the Committee with the United States view that the United Nations decision must be supported and that "no unconstitutional measures to reverse a decision should be undertaken," it was learned.

M. Walter Stucki, Switzerland, spoke strongly in favour of voting rights for non-members, but ended by saying that regardless of the outcome of the debate, Switzerland would remain "loyal" to the United Nations.

Ceylon favoured voting rights, but conceded the authority of the United Nations decision.

The Committee appointed a sub-committee to report on legal aspects of the "no vote" rule.

5 KILLED IN STEAMER COLLISION IN TRIVANDRUM

TRIVANDRUM, Nov. 25 (API): The latest casualty figures in the S. S. "Pandit" steamer collision tragedy on Sunday evening at Trivandrum harbour are unofficially given as five dead and many missing.

The tug "Hercules" arrived at the harbour at 2 p.m. today and got busy towing the stranded vessel, but the steel rope snapped as the vessel was firmly grounded.

The work of lightening the cargo is now proceeding to enable divers of the tug to get under the vessel and clear the sands to help her to refloat. One tug has also been summoned from Cochin for the purpose.

The 'Pandit' may be towed to Colombo or Cocnin for dry docking after she discharges her cargo, depending on the extent of the damage sustained by the vessel.

Mountbatten May Become Ambassador To U.S.

LONDON, November 25. (U.P.A.): The "Evening Standard" said today that Earl Mountbatten, Governor General of India, might succeed Lord Inverchapel as British Ambassador to the United States.

Mountbatten's term as Governor General of India expires next April.

Before he returned to India this week following the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, his nephew, Mountbatten said he intended to go to South Africa after his services in India.

The Foreign Office declined to comment on the "Evening Standard" report on the ground that it never discusses possibility of ambassadorial changes until announced officially.

'Share The World With Russia Or Fight Against Her'

Salazar's Suggestion To U.S. And Britain

LISBON, Nov. 25 (Reuter): Britain and America must either share the world with Russia or fight against her in Europe to preserve their principles and interests, the Portuguese Prime Minister, Doctor Antonio de Oliviera Salazar, said here to-day.

Speaking at a preliminary meeting of members of the National Assembly before the opening of Parliament today, he said: "By the force of facts and irrespective of the will of reason leaders, for the United States (and I will say the same for the British Commonwealth) there is but one alternative—to share the world with Russia, which is impossible and contrary to their interests and principles, or fight against her in Europe to uphold them."

Stating that "the wind blowing from India may have perturbed some Goanese" Dr. Salazar added: "If new circumstances and the people's aspirations to increase their responsibilities justify alterations in the administrative regime or stature, that is a problem which concerns the Portuguese Indian State and ourselves. This problem is already under study and will have a speedy solution."

Referring to the international situation Dr. Salazar said "Europe is under misery and fear—fear of communism, fear of Russia."

PORTUGUESE POSSESSIONS IN INDIA

LISBON, Nov. 25 (Reuter). Dr Antonio Salazar, the Portuguese Premier, said today that Portuguese India was a "source of great concern." Dr Salazar who was speaking at a preliminary meeting of members of the National Assembly before opening Parliament referred to the importance to India of the Portuguese Port of Marmagoa and said "there is no great difficulty in finding a solution compatible with the interests of both parties.

TRIAL OF COUNT GRANDI

ROME, November 25. (Reuter). Mr. Winston Churchill, Lord Halifax, former British Ambassador to Washington, Lord Vansittart and Lord Templewood were among witnesses called by the defence when the trial of Count Dino Grandi, Mussolini's Ambassador in London, for alleged Fascist activities opened in Rome today.

Both British and American witnesses will be asked to come to Rome to testify in court or else send answers to court questionnaire. Count Grandi who is now in Portugal is being tried in his absence.

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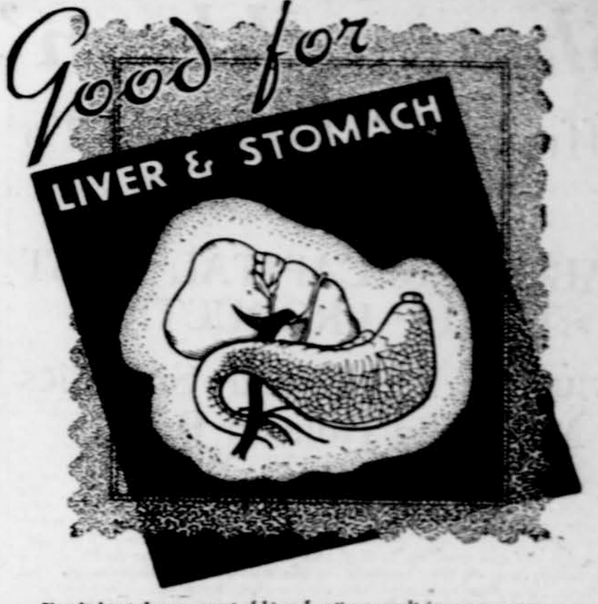

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Bellapurs And Constructions Improve In Pre-Budget Session

COTTON PRICES DECLINE AFTER EARLY FIRMNESS

Bullion Market Firm Under Professional Manipulation

Bombay, Nov. 26

The pre-Budget session of the Bombay Stock Exchange failed to show any important change in quotations. There was very little business and traders were inclined to await the interim Budget which is expected to be out this evening. It is said that open forward business has decreased considerably and the cash section finds poor support from investors. Thus the market was dull.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened today at Rs. 1702/8 and after touching Rs. 1700 improved at Rs. 1715 and reacted at Rs. 1707/8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 351 and later were quoted at Rs. 352. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1052 and later were quoted at Rs. 1053/12. Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 553 after opening at Rs. 555 and Swadeshi shares were placed at Rs 585. Belapur Sugars after touching Rs. 322 improved at Rs. 330 while Premier Constructions were fairly active at Rs. 201.

Towards the close the market was steady. Tata Steel Defds were done at Rs. 1712/8 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 354. Cotton Mill shares were mostly unchanged and the tone of the market was steady.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 1051/4 Kohinoor 552 Swadeshi 584 Nagpur 309 Simplex 231/8 New Great 390 Gokak 316 Indore 647/8 Century 975 Colaba 235 I Bleaching 138 Swan 339 Finlay 296 Morarji 542/8 Edward 682/8 Meyer 280 Apollo 3/4/6 I U Ordinary 15/2 I U Defd 2/14 Madhusudan 270 Poddar 320 Khatau X D 355

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord 354 Tata Hteel Defd 1140 Second 150/4

CEMENT

Associated Merger 157

INDUSTRIES

Burma 508/12 Belapur 329 Shivrajpur 36/8 Scindia 34/5 Construction 200/8 Tata Chemical 14/12 Tata Oil 61/8 Indian Iron 32/14 Bengal Steel 27/1

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tram Ord 128 Tata Hydro 171 Andhra 1575 Power X D 1752/8

MILLS (CASH)

Elphinstone 80 Phoenix 1310 Ind. Mfg 4460 Kooria 285 Dawn 1545 David 141/4 New City 220 Minerva 213/12 Bradbury 631/4 Bharucha (Defd) 7/4 Bharat 44 Mysore 285 Madhavji 19 Model 207/8 Laxmi 1635 Vishnu 615 Western 4325 Standard 500 Sholapur 6300 Sassoon Cotton 18/8 Hindustan 4550 Tata 69/8 Ahmedabad Advance 430 Sassoon Silk 75/8 New Union 19/14 Madhusudan 292/8 Shrinivas 370 Raja Bahadur 125 Berar 280 Victoria 425 Kohinoor Cpn. 55 Simplex Cpn. 117

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 146/14 New 113/12 Surat 170 New Prem. 110 Karachi 143/12 Broach 12/8 Ajmer X D 12/3 Amalgamated 15/8 Nagpur 56/8 Poona 170 Bombay Suburban 132/8 Bombay Suburban (New) Prem. 100

BANK SHARES

Reserve 117 Imperial 2260 P. P. 552/8 Central 80 Coupon 19 India 239 Union 9/12 Baroda 164/8 Habib 151/4 Dena Bank 60 United Commercial 61/8 Jaipur 52 Hindustan Com. 58 Mysore 367/8 Exchange (Ord) 60 Eastern 105

INSURANCE

Oriental 6300 Empire 780 New India 7/8 Jupiter 3/3/8 Vulcan 13/12 Indian Mercantile 62/8 Universal Fire 15/12 British India General 20/4 Ind. Prud 36/8 Neptune 7 New Great 27 All-India General 31

RAILWAYS

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PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 204/6 Tram 80 Andhra Valey 1400 Tata Powe 1440 Hydro 139 Bombay Steamer 323/12 Nagpur 705 Swadeshi 146/4 Vishnu 825 Laxmi 308/12 New Great 268/12 Poddar 118/8 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 122/8 Bradbury 495 Surat Elec. 104/6 premier Construction (1st Pref) 127 (Second Pref.) 125 Amalgamated 135 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 118 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 17/10 Supreme 120 Meyer 125 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 Abd. Advance 143/12 Mysore Mill 51 Standard 100 Madhusudan 12

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952 (4) 103/8 B. Steamer 1950 (8) 106/12 T Hume Pipe (6) 111 Tata Power 1951—102/8 Walchandnagar (6) 117

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Copper 2/14/6 B I C 8 Burma Corporation 3/8 New Victoria 4/12 New Victoria Preference 6/2 Raja 26 Phalton 90 Gold Mohor 305 Kaiser-i-Hind 380 Sajjan 285 Osmanshahi 230 Ajamshahi 205 Air Service 14 Air India 201/4 Ambica 13/8 Hind Motor 7 I Steam 12/14 Sone Valley 9

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Nov. 26

The Bullion market was fairly steady and the recent improvement was maintained. There was absence of any aggressive buying and small improvement recorded after opening met with moderate realising.

Forward Silver opened to-day at Rs. 163/4 and advanced at Rs. 163/12 on moderate buying but reacted at Rs. 163/4 on profit-taking. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 162/12. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 107 and after declining at Rs. 106/14 advanced at Rs. 107/4 and steadied at Rs. 107. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 107/6 while Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 70/4.

Later on the market firmed up under manipulation of professional operators and final quotations were as under.

Ready Silver	164	12	0
Forward Silver	164	12	0
Ready Gold	107	15	0
Forward Gold	107	10	0
Sovereikns	70	6	0

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Nov. 26

The standstill agreement arrived with Hyderabad was believed to be slightly bearish but marketwise there was no influence. The market opened at Rs. 473 for January as expected and improved at Rs. 474/8 under moderate buying. March was quoted Rs. 2 under January at Rs. 472/8 and trading was limited.

Later on there was some realising and January delivery quietened at Rs. 473/12 while March was unchanged at Rs. 472/8.

I.C.C. May	477	14	0
I.C.C. July	485	6	0
I.C.C. Sept.	490	14	0

The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:

I.C.C. Jan.	472	12	0
I.C.C. March	471	14	0

TRADING IN COTTON ON PURNIMA

The local cotton market will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 27th instant owing to "Kartaki Purnima".

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton January Contract is 1704 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Nov. 25.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
Jan.	476	474	474-1/8
March	475-1/2	472-1/8	472-1/2
May	482	478-1/2	478-1/2
July	489-1/2	486	486
Sept.	494-1/2	491-1/2	491-1/2
Karachi 4F Jan.	52/1/0	52/0/0	52/0/0

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Nov. 26

The Produce market was fairly steady with moderate business. Groundnuts Bold November-December were quoted at Rs 29/4 and December-January business was reported at Rs. 28/12. Oil Mill delivery November was quoted at Rs. 17/10. December delivery was quoted at Rs. 17/3 and January delivery business was done at Rs. 16/15. Castorseeds Ready were quoted at Rs. 31/8. May delivery opened at Rs. 136/8 and after advancing at 137/4 quietened at rs. 136/12. Linseed Ready was quoted at Rs. 29/10 and February-March business was done at Rs. 28/1.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Nov. 26.

Tata Ordinary 354 Tata Deferred 1710 Indian Iron 32/14 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 27/1 Bombay Dyeing 1051/4 Central India 308/12 Gokak 318/4 Kohinoor 551/14 Simplex 231/8 Swadeshi 583/12 Tata Power 1752/8 Associated Cement 158 Belapur 328/12 Bombay Burma (Old) 508/12 Scindia 34/5 Central Bank 80 New India 70/10 Tata 2nd Pref. 150

CALICUT MARKET

Calicut, Nov. 26.

Coiryarn Beypore 170/180 Quilandy 185/195 Fibre Garbled 125 Ungarbled 115 Cocoanuts per 1000 Raw 116 Dry 165 Cocoanutoil 425 Copra Office 295 Dilpasand 335 Madrasnottam 365 Pepper Wynaad 725 Country 700 Dryginger Chernad 265 Ernad 245 Coffee Robusta 96 Timber Pall 55/60 Junglewood 30/35 Vellapine 45/50 Benteak 50/55 Teak 90/95 Mangoplanks 2/8/3/8 Teak 15/20 Rosewood 18/20

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Nov. 26.

MILLS.

B Dyeing 1052/8 50 55 51/4 55 51/4
C. India 309 7 10 9
Finlay 295 97 95 97 96
Gokak 317/8 16/8 17/8 15/8 16
I. U. (Defd.) 2/14
I. U. (Ord.) 15/2
Indore 647/8 45 47/8
Kohinoor 555 52 54 52
Morarji 542/8
Madhusudan 260 72/8 70
New City 220
New Great 390 86 90
Sholapur 6300
Simplex 229 30 29 31/8
Swadeshi 583 85 82 85 82 84
Tata Mills 69/8 69 69/8

BANKS.

Baroda 164/8
Central 81/8 79/8 81 80 81 79/4 80/8 80
Imperial (Old) 2260 58/12 60 58/12
Imperial (New) 551/4 52/8
India 238/8 39 38/8 39
Reserve 117/8 17
U. Commercial 61 61/8

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 146/14
Andhra Valley 1572/8 75
B. Tram (Ord.) 128 28/4 27/12 28 27/8 28
Hydro 172 71
Hydro (Pref.) 136
Power 1750 52/8
Power (Pref.) 1440

INSURANCE.

B. I. General 20/4
New India 71 71/8 70/8

STEAMER.

B. Steam 575 77/8
Scindia 34/9 34/4 34/6 34/2 34/5

STEEL.

B. Steel 26 27/1
I. Iron 32/4 32/14
Tata (Defd.) 1705 1695 1707/8 2/8 7/8 1700 11/4 3/12 12/8 7/8 12/8 10
Tata (Ord.) 351 52 50/8 52 51 52/8 52 53 52/8 54
Tata (1st Pref.) 204/6
Tata (IInd Pref.) 151 50/4

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. C. C. (Old) 157/8 56 55
A. C. C. (New) 85/8
Belapur 323 22 26 24 29 27 29
B. B. (Old) 508/12 6/4 10 8/12
B. B. (New) 163/12 62/8 64/6 63/2
B. B Petrol 3/0/6 3
I. Bleaching 136 38
I. I. Trust 104/6
Port Canning 75 74/12
P. Const. 197 99 94 96 95 201/8 200 200/8
Tata Chem. 14/2 14/14 14/12
Tata Oil 61 61/12 61/8
Wimco 276/4
Walchandnagar 170

SPECIAL.

Central Coupon 18 19
Central Bank (New) 81 80/8
Simplex Coupon 117 18 17
Mysore Coupon 75 77 76
Ahmedabad Electric New 113/12
Cooria Mills 285
Haydari Const. 17/2

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Nov. 26.

	Rs.	as.	p.
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	12	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1950	101	6	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1961	97	8	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52	102	3	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1960	100	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1962	100	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1976	99	8	0
3 p.c. Non-Terminable	100	10	0
3 p.c. 1986 Con.	100	11	0
3 p.c. 1949-52	102	6	0
3 p.c. 1951-54	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1953-55	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1957	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	102	6	0
3 p.c. 1963-65	102	1	0
3 p.c. 1966-68	102	11	0
3 p.c. 1970-75	101	6	0
3-1/2 p.c. 1954-57	105	14	0
4 p.c. 1948-53	103	0	0
4 p.c. 1960-70	113	12	0
4-1/2 p.c 1950-55	106	0	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	114	2	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	117	8	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

2-3/4 p.c. U. P. 1961	98	8	0
2-3/4 p.c. Madras 1961	99	0	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1955	102	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1958	102	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1949	99	6	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-53	101	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1952	99	8	0
3 p.c. U. P. 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. C. P. 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N. W. F. 1952	100	4	0
3 p.c. U. P. 1961-66	101	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust	118	0	0
4 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	113	0	0
5 p.c Bombay Municipality 1959	117	0	0
6 p.c. Bombay Municipality 1954	121	0	0
6 p.c K. P. T.	121	0	0

KARACHI MARKETS

KARACHI, Nov. 25.

Cottonseed N. T. Ready 9/6 Jany 81/12 Firm with good demand and larger exports Gold Ready 106/- Sovereigns 70/- Silver Mint Ready 158/- Firm owing to fallen off arrivals from upcountry. Cotton ready Four 52/12 Sind N. T. Roller 65/12 Punjab LSS Roller 60/- Jany 52/- Fluctuations narrow but tone fully steady spot business 1,000 arrivals 9264 exports 6217 bales all for foreign countries principally for Shanghai.

KUTCH HUNDI

BHUJ, Nov. 26.

Hundi 279 to 280. Gold Rs. 105 and Silver Rs. 168

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Nov. 25.

U. S. prices of foreign silver 74-5/8 cents

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Nov. 26.

B C Rates T T D D 1/8 15/16 Ready.
B C Rates T T D D 1/8 29/32 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/8 31/32 Ready.
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/8 15/16 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Buying T T 1/8 1/32 to 9th Months.
London Banks Buying T T 1/8 1/16 10th 12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/8 1/16 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying D D 1/8 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/8 1/8 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/8 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/8 5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/8 3/16 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 7/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rate T T Rs 332 1/4
Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 4/4
Montreal Rs. 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329
Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 under L/C.
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 3650
Paris Banks Buying T T Fcs. 3650
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs. 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157 1/4.
New York/London Cross Rate Dol. 4.03 1/8 to 4.03 1/4
London Discts. 3 Months 17/32 p.c.
London Discts 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p. c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.
Money:—Call 1/2 p c 3 months 1/2 p c 6 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1-1/4 p. c.
Tone:—Easy.

Active Trade Buying In N. Y. Cotton Towards Close

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.

Cotton opened firm 8 to 29 higher with the initial gains instigated by the resumption of yesterday's mill buying. Prices then reacted modestly on liquidation of near December and increased profittaking and hedges evidently influenced by the everpresent Washington uncertainties. A steadier tendency later developed on buying stimulated by further attention to the tight statistical outlook and continued strong demand for cotton textiles. The subsidence of hedge offerings provided a contributory factor and prices showed gains of about 10 points at the noon call. Prices reacted sharply under considerable profittaking during the afternoon, which encountered indifferent support attributed to technical considerations and the declines in grains. When offerings subsided, the market rallied on trade support to the day's best levels, closing very steady but irregular 19 higher to 17 lower. Sales are estimated at 425,000 bales.

WORTH STREET ACTIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 25, (UPA): Active competition among buyers for limited offerings featured the situation on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market today.

Print cloth buyers were finding some mills reluctant to make additional bookings into the third quarter and were reported scouting the market for fourth quarter deliveries.

WOOL TOPS FUTURES STEADY

NEW YORK Nov. 25, (UPA): Wool tops futures closed steady 20 points lower to 5 higher. Closing prices included: December 180 bid, 183 asked; March 178 bid, 179 asked; May 172.5 bid, 174 asked; July 169 bid, 169.5 asked; October, 167 bid, 168.5 asked.

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (UPA): Black pepper futures closed unchanged today with no sales reported. Spot prices were also unchanged as the demand for price in the wholesale market seemed to dwindle.

Many refused shipments because of yearend inventory action.

Closing prices included:—

DELIVERY

December	48 nom.
January	42 nom.
March	33.10 bid
May through October	33 nom.

LINSEED OIL PRICES

NEW YORK, Nov. 25, (UPA): Closing prices on Linseed oil were November and December 32.1. Other seeds remained unchanged.

WHEAT PRICES SLUMP

CHICAGO, Nov. 25, (UPA): Wheat slumped 10 cents per bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade today after December delivery reached a new top at dol. 3.16 a bushel.

Wheat futures finally closed 3 3/4 to 6 1/4 cents lower.

Closing prices included: December 3.09 3/4-3.10 3/4; March 3.03 1/4. May 2.95-2.95 1/4; July 2.60 1/2-3/4.

WALL STREET EASY ON TAX REFORM MOVES

NEW YORK, Nov. 25, (U. P. A.): Stock prices eased today on the New York Stock Exchange as traders apparently were more depressed by obvious administration moves to prevent tax reform than they were impressed by liberal corporate dividend announcements.

Seemingly there was enough "good news" in the way of extra or increased dividends to furnish ammunition for two bull markets but on the other hand there appeared renewed evidence of a pattern by administration stalwarts designed to "hold the line" on present heavy taxes.

The anti-bullish developments included testimony by both Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder and Federal Reserve board chairman Marriner S. Eccles to the Congressional Committee that tax cutting should wait until inflation was whipped. Both men agreed that consumer credit controls are needed.

Closing prices included:

STOCK

Allied Chemical	197 1/2
American Smelting	69
American Telephone	153 1/4
Anaconda Copper	36 1/8
Bankers Trust	38
Bethlehem Steel	99 1/4
Boeing Airplane	21
Canadian Pacific	10 7/8
Chase National Bank	34 3/8
General Electric	35 1/8
General Motors	58 1/2
Gillitte	29 1/2
Goodyear Tire	43 1/2
International Nickel	27
Lockheed	13
Nash Kelvinator	17 3/4
National City Bank	39 3/8
New York Central	13
Pennsylvania Railroad	16 5/8
Shell Oil	30 3/8
Southern Pacific	45
Standard Oil of New Jersey	75 7/8
Studebaker	19 7/8
Swift & Co.	34
Technicolour	14 1/8
Twentieth Century Fox	25 1/4
U. S. Steel	76 1/8
Warner Brothers	13 1/2
Westinghouse	28 3/8

Total stock sales amounted to 860,000 shares on the Exchange. Curb sales totalled 220,000 shares. Bond turnover was 4,210,000 dollars.

Dow Jones averages were: Industrials, 181.35; Rails, 48.25; Utilities, 33.41; Bonds, 96.38.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Nov. 25.

December	35.40+13
January	35.28+11
March	35.47+19
March Highest	35.50+22
March Lowest	35.15—10
May	34.89+19
July	33.72+13
October	30.50—02
December	29.92—08
March	29.53—17
Middling Spot	35.18+13

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Nov. 25.

December	35.50+37
March	35.53+27
May	34.93+13
July	33.70+02
October	30.60—
Middling Spot	34.95+20

LONDON BULLION

London, Nov. 25.

Silver Spot	48 d.
Forward	44-3/4 d.
Gold	168/12/6

LONDON WHEAT

London, Nov. 25.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F. O. B. 126/6 Dec/Jany quoted

LONDON PEPPER

LONDON, Nov. 25, (UPA): Pepper was idle today with prices unchanged.

It was reported that Amsterdam was nominally quoting Malabar at 195 shillings per hundredweight, FAS, terms for January shipment but conditions there were quiet as they were in London.

LONDON BULLION PRICES UNAFFECTED

LONDON Nov. 25, (UPA): Bullion brokers today reported a small trade demand but insufficient to affect prices.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Nov. 25.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	84-1/2
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-1/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 after	103-1/2
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113
Victory Bonds 4 p c	115-1/2
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-1/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Lond. Reg.)	116-1/2
National Bank of India	33

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 860,000 shares.

For Refugee Students From Sind

Mr. Kaku T. Asrani, the General Secretary of Sind Provincial Students Congress, writes:—

Those of the Sindhi refugee students who have still not got admission to the colleges in the respective courses of their studies should please contact me personally and register their names with me today and tomorrow between 4 and 7 p.m. in the office of the Sind Hindu Seva Samiti in the premises of the Chicago Radio and Telephone Co. Ltd. 127, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, so that the authorities concerned may be approached to do something to grant them admission.

FAMOUS DEEP-SEA DIVER FOR BOMBAY

Will Fix Water-Tight Steel Plate To Tansa Dam

(BY OUR STAFF REPORTER)

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Pablo Palmerini, the world-famous Italian deep-sea diver, is shortly arriving in Bombay at the invitation of the Municipal Corporation to carry out a stupendous task 50 feet below the surface of Tansa Lake, the main source of the city's water supply.

An expert diver, Palmerini has lent his services to many nations of the world and it is stated that when the Allies wanted to rebuild Naples Harbour after Italy's capitulation, they sought his help.

He will be entrusted with the job of fixing a water-tight steel plate for the Tansa Dam at the 375 feet level where the Special Engineer proposes to make a new outlet. The plate is necessary to facilitate the borring of the hole and will be removed after the fixing and "grouting" of the outlet pipe in the dam is completed.

In the course of fixing the plate the Italian diver will have to remove soft earth, mud and small stones deposited for a depth of four to five feet. In the event hard rock is met with and not soft earth as has been anticipated by the Special Engineer, the depth of work and fixing the plate will have to be altered to a higher level, it is stated.

The magnitude of the work has been comprehended by Palmerini who, it is gathered, has assured the Municipality in the course of a voluminous correspondence that he could carry out the assignment satisfactorily. The fastening of the plate to the dam by bolts and nuts may mean strenuous, breath-taking diving for days on end and Palmerini would have to ensure a complete leakage-proof set-up to facilitate the task of pipe-boring.

When his under-water mission is completed, Pablo Palmerini would have dived hundreds of times and spent hours of gruelling labour 45 to 50 feet below the lake surface.

He will be paid Rs. 12,000 for the work and will be assisted by five of his men.

Palmerini will bring his own diving apparatus but the Municipality will supply him with air compressors, chisel guns, pneumatic drills and cranes for lifting the plate.

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MUTT AND JEFF—That's Too Much To Expect From Any Kid Half His Age — BY BUD FISHER

THAT'S A CUTE LITTLE BABY! WHO DOES IT BELONG TO, JEFF?
I DUNNO, MUTT!
HELLO, 'ITTLE BABY! WHERE'S BABY'S MAMA, MMMM?
YES, WHO'S 'IDDLE BABY IS OOU?
COOTCHIE COOOO- YES?
WHAT IS 'IDDLE BABY'S NAME? HMMM?
HOW THE HECK DO YOU DOPES EXPECT ME TO TALK WHEN I'M ONLY THREE MONTHS OLD?

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Lost one Persian Passport near Grant Road locality. Finder please contact Kaikhushru Khordadi, 78, Mint Road, Bombay. (7545)

MATRIMONIAL

Virgin, Deshastha Yejurwedi Brahmin, 22, Matric, Permanent Govt. Service, Beautiful, invites correspondence from Deccani Brahmins. View Matrimony. Post Box 3505, Girgaum, Bombay 4. (7536)

Wanted a Gujarati Brahmin Candidate (not above thirty years of age) of a good family, culture and education, well settled in life for a young Brahmin, educated and cultured girl of nineteen. Correspond in Gujarati. Write to Box No. 7544, "Bombay Chronicle."

SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted: A Graduate or Law-Graduate acquainted with the management of properties. Salary according to qualifications. Apply Chief Estate Manager, Novha House, Queen's Road, opposite Marine Lines Rly. Station, Bombay. (7539A)

Wanted: A qualified medical officer for a Charitable Hospital near Bombay. Salary according to qualifications. Apply Chief Estate Manager, Novha House, Queen's Road, opposite Marine Lines Rly. Station, Bombay. (7539B)

Wanted Graduate Teachers to teach French, English and Gujarati in High School Classes. Trained or qualified preferred. Apply personally or write to Principal, Matunga Premier School, Matunga G.I.P. (7542)

Wanted an efficient man having ample experience of work at Customs and Port Trust, to take charge of our Clearing Department. An evacuee from Sind having above qualifications will be preferred. Please apply with testimonials to Post Box 256, Bombay. (7541)

Wanted: Applications are invited for the post of a Treasury Officer, Janjira State in the grade of 90-5/2-115-5/1-130. Knowledge of Marathi and English essential. One with a previous experience in Government Treasury Office will be given preference. Apply with full particulars stating age, experience, qualifications and with copies of testimonials to—Nawabzada Mohammed Sadiq, Dewan, Janjira State, Murud via Bombay. 6701

Wanted: Applications are invited for the post of a Record Keeper, Janjira State, in the grade of 35-3/2-50. Knowledge of Marathi and English essential. One with a previous experience in Government Record Office will be given preference. Apply with full particulars stating age, experience, qualifications, and with copies of testimonials to—Nawabzada Mohammed, Sadiq, Dewan, Janjira State, Murud via Bombay. 6701A

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Wanted by Manager British Firm Flat or House, furnished or unfurnished, long lease preferred in Bombay or Suburbs. Apply Box No. 7475, "Bombay Chronicle".

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Learn Dentistry within short period. Apply prospectus Dental Training Institute, P.B. 91 Jamnagar. 7458

BOOKS & MAGAZINE

Buildings—Modern and most Economical Construction. Write for a copy of printed book with designs and all calculations with a M.O. of Rs. 2/- in advance. Very useful to Engineers, Overseers, Draftsmen, Contractors and Builders. Retired Engineer, 348, Triplicane High Road, Madras (5). (7502)

MEDICAL ADLETS

"Amrita Malam". A Wonderful Medicine for Gangrene and Leprosy, Rs. 12/8 per phial. V.P. charges extra. Menaka Debi. 19 S.N. Banerji Rd., Calcutta. (5462D)

FINANCE & PARTNERSHIPS

Wanted Financiers to invest upto 2,500 in 16mm. Touring Cinema sets. Monthly 200/- profit guaranteed. Genuine parties only need apply. Sheodutta Sharma, Bombay 16. (7535)

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted—Agents or Stockists for our Pearl and Nut Buttons. The Krishna Button Mfg., Co., Dacca, (Bengal). 7462

Wanted Agents, Stockists for Aryamalam, Arya Laboratories, 19, Surendra Banerji Road, Calcutta. (7483)

Wanted Influential Agents for arrangements of programmes of Prem Dancing Party. Apply to Bachan Singh, classical concert, 250, Sewri Cross Road, Wadala, Bombay 15. (7538)

Wanted influential and qualified Agents for sale of Cash Certificates and materials such as Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers, Roofing Bolts, Machine Screws, etc., of a leading Association on of Rs. 150-10-200 p.m. for class A, Rs. 100-7 1/2-137 1/2 p.m. for class B and Rs. 75-5-100 p.m. for class C agents plus one per cent commission on sales. Cash security of Rs. 1,000, Rs. 750 and Rs. 500 essential for respective agents. Apply stating qualifications, experience, etc., to Box No. 6703, "Bombay Chronicle."

PUBLIC NOTICES

AIR SERVICES OF INDIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at "Scindia House", Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on THURSDAY, the 18th December, 1947 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To adopt the Directors' Report and the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 30th June, 1947.
2. To elect a Director in place of Mr. Dharamsey Mulraj Khatau who retires by rotation, but, being eligible, offers himself for re-election under Article 104 of the Articles of Association.
3. To elect a Director in place of Mahida Kumar Shri Narendrasinghji of Mandwa who retires by rotation, but, being eligible, offers himself for re-election under Article 104 of the Articles of Association.
4. To elect a Director in place of Mr. Surendra L. Jhaveri who retires by rotation, but being eligible, offers himself for re-election under Article 104 of the Articles of Association.
5. To elect a Director in place of Mr. Lalchand Hirachand who retires by rotation, but, being eligible, offers himself for re-election under Article 104 of the Articles of Association.
6. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th December to WEDNESDAY, the 31st December, 1947, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
MERCANTILE AIRWAYS AGENCY, LTD.,
SHANTIKUMAR N. MORARJEE,
Director,
Managing Agents.

"Scindia House",
Dougall Road, Ballard Estate,
Bombay, 22nd November, 1947.

Shareholders are requested to kindly notify any change of address. (6224)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, Central P.W.D., New Delhi, invites sealed tenders from contractors for manufacture of wooden doors and windows.

Approximate cost Rs. 20 lacs.
Earnest Money Rs. 20,000.

Tenders will be received upto 12 noon on the 9th December, 1947, and opened by him on the same date at 3 p.m.

Tender forms and other conditions of contract are obtainable from his Office on any working day upto 6th December, 1947, on payment of Rs. 20 per set, which amount will not be refunded. 6700

AIR SERVICES OF INDIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE SHAREHOLERS of Air Services of India, Ltd.

By Circular Notice, dated 20th October, 1947, issued by the Company to the Shareholders, an offer was made to the Shareholders to take up shares in the additional capital issued by the Company, and the 1st day of December, 1947, was fixed as the last date for such applications.

For reasons explained in a further Circular which will be issued to the Shareholders along with the Notice of the Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Company, to be held in December, 1947, the time for applying for shares in the additional Capital has been extended to 5th January, 1948.

For Air Services of India, Ltd.,
For Mercantile Airways Agency, Ltd.,
SHANTIKUMAR N. MORARJEE,
Director,
Managing Agents.

"Scindia House",
Dougall Road,
Ballard Estate,
Bombay, 25th November, 1947. 6216

G. I. P. RAILWAY TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of condemned Wagons or Wagon bodies available at Jhansi Workshops. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13 at Rs. 2 per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 15th December, 1947, at 3 p.m. (S.T.). 6190

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Running Restaurant & Stores in decent Hindu locality, Shivaji Park, fetching 1,000/- monthly for Immediate Sale. Outright Price 42,000/-. Apply Sheodutta Sharma, Bombay 16. (7535)

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For Dog's Sickness Consult Seer-vai of Bellemont Kennels, Post Box 6505, or Phone No. 43245. (5944)

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Available ex-Stocks American Elec-tric Gramophones from Rs. 180-Flourescent tubes and reflectors. Electric lamps all standard voltages and types from 15 watt to 1000 watts C.T.S. cables all sizes good discounts for quantities. Apply Box No. 3985, "Bombay Chronicle".

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Bhore and Thull Ghauts, G.I.P. Railway, Lonavla invites tender upto 15.30 hrs. on 15-12-47 for the supplying, loading and stacking on Railway ground at Igatpuri trap stone ballast graded to 3/4" suitable for concrete work. The form of tender schedule and conditions of contract can be had from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- each. This money will not be refunded.

U. G. K. RAO.
Executive Engineer,
Bhore & Thull Ghauts,
G. I. P. Rly., Lonavla. (6219)

THE PORT CANNING & LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SEVENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND at the rate of Rupees Three per share has been declared and will be payable on and after WEDNESDAY, the 3rd December, 1947 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on Friday, the 7th day of November, 1947.

The DIVIDEND will be paid to the Shareholders at the Company's Office, No. 127, Esplanade Road, Bombay, between the hours of 11 A.M. to 1-30 P.M. and 2-30 P.M. to 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) on week days excepting Saturdays and holidays.

The Dividend Warrants will be posted to the Registered Addresses of the Shareholders in due course.

By Order,
NARAYAN S. AROSKAR,
Secretary.
Bombay, 26th November, 1947. 6225

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Summary Suit No. 3531 of 1947

PRAGJI PURSHOTTAM and others the present Trustees of a Trust known as Ravji Premji Trust ..... Plaintiffs

vs.

1. PARASHRAM MADHAVDAS and 2. RAMCHAND MADHAVDAS, both Hindu inhabitants, formerly carrying on business at rooms Nos. 8 and 9 on the 3rd floor of House No. 15 at Kolbhat Lane, outside the Fort of Bombay under the name, style and firm of "Madhav das Ramchand" but whose present whereabouts are not known. ..... Defendants

To,

(1) Parashram Madhavdas
and
(2) Ramchand Madhavdas the Defendants abovenamed.

THE ABOVENAMED Plaintiffs have filed a suit against you under order XXXVII Rule 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure for possession of Room No. 8 on the 3rd floor of the plaintiffs' House at Kolbhat Lane, Bombay bearing Street No. 15, in your possession as a monthly tenant of the plaintiffs on certain terms including the term against letting or sub-letting the said room without the written permission of the plaintiffs and in respect of which you having committed breach of the said term and also having made default in payment of rent since Kartak S.Y. 2003 (October-November, 1946) and you also not being ready and willing to pay the rent as and when it fell due the plaintiffs have duly terminated your said tenancy by their attorneys' letter dated the 11th September, 1947 requiring you to quit and deliver up to the plaintiffs possession of the said room No. 8 on the expiration of the next month of your tenancy viz: On Bhadarva Vad 30 S.Y. 2003 (14-10-1947) and have become entitled to recover possession of the said room No. 8 from you; for payment by you to them of Rs. 324/- for arrears of rent till 14-10-1947, for compensation at Rs. 27/- per Gujarathi month for wrongful use and occupation from 14-10-1947 till delivery of possession, for costs, interest and other reliefs, you are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you within ten days from the service hereof, in default whereof the plaintiffs will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such ten days to obtain a Decree for possession and for any sum not exceeding Rs. 324/- for arrears of rent and for compensation at Rs. 27/- per Gujarathi month from 14-10-1947 till delivery of possession and Rs. 250/- for costs, together with interest.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you the plaintiffs will thereafter serve upon you a Summons for Judgment at the hearing of which you will be entitled to ask the Court for leave to defend the suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on the merits or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend the suit.

Witness Mahomedally Currim Chagla, Esquire Ag. Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 4th day of November, 1947.

A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR,
For Prothonotary
& Senior Master.
Sealer

A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR,
the 4th day of November, 1947.
Messrs. M. V. GOKHALE & CO.
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

THE SPECIAL ENGINEER invites tenders for the following works, which will be received upto 1 P.M. (B.T.) on Friday the 12th December, 1947.

(1) Covering the open channel for a length of 1000' from Dadar Purification Works towards Elphinstone Road, and
(2) The extensions of Ranade Road and Keluskar Road (South) with retaining walls, cement concrete Roads and precast cement concrete pavement in footpaths.

Forms of tender, specification, etc., will be issued on payment of Rs. 5/- for each copy, to any one deputed to receive them by the Special Engineer (Works Branch), who will on application give any further information that may be required.

Tender copies will not be supplied by post.

By order of the
Municipal Commissioner.
Municipal Head Offices,
Fort, Bombay.
Dated 25th November, 1947. (6221)

NOTICE AS TO LOST POLICY

POLICY No. 139515 in NATIONAL INSURANCE CO., LTD., on the life of Himatlal Jethalal Patel of Purubiawad, Amreli, Kathiawar, since deceased, having been lost, notice is hereby given that failing any objection to reach the Company within one month from any interested party with production of the policy and proof of title the Company will proceed in pending matter concerning the policy.

S. D. SRINIVASAN,
Manager,
National Insurance Co., Ltd.,
7, Council House St.,
Calcutta. (6222)

NOTICE

FRENCH CONSULATE, BOMBAY.

THE FRENCH EMBASSY in India wish to inform the Public that following a decree taken by the French Government on the 16th of October last the French Consular Services in this country have been re-organised as follows:

For all matters requiring the intervention of a French Consular Officer, the French citizens and other nationals living in the following areas:

United Provinces, Delhi, Eastern Punjab, Kashmir, Rajputana, Central India

Will have to apply to the Consular Services of this Embassy in New Delhi.

The French citizens and other nationals who have their residence in the following areas:

Assam, West Bengal, Province of Bihar, Eastern States, Central Provinces and Berar, Province of Orissa,

Will have to apply to the French General Consulate at Calcutta.

The French citizens and other nationals who have their residence in the following areas:

Province of Bombay, Hyderabad, Province of Madras, Mysore, Travancore, Deccan States, Goa, Gujerat States, States of Western India

Will have to apply to the French Consulate at Bombay.

New Delhi,
the 22nd November, 1947. (6223)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that the partnership between MOTILAL SHIVNARAYAN, CHUNILAL SHIVNARAYAN & LAXMINARAYAN RAMNARAYAN, of the One Part and Mudakappa Venkappa Bhoomreddi and Tipanna Sanabassappa Yarashi of the other Part for carrying on business of Extraction and Sale of Groundnut Oil in the firm name and style of "Vijay Oil Mill" was DISSOLVED in Bombay on the 7th day of December, 1946, and the said Motilal Shivnarayan, Chunilal Shivnarayan and Laxminarayan Ramnarayan retired from the said Partnership on the 7th day of December, 1946, and their right, title and interest was assigned to the said Mudakappa Venkappa Bhoomreddi and Tipanna Sanabassappa Yarashi and since then the said Mudakappa Venkappa Bhoomreddi and Tipanna Sanabassappa Yarashi have been carrying on the said business in the name of "Vijay Oil Mill."

DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Attorneys for Mudakappa Venkappa Bhoomreddi and Tipanna Sanabassappa Yarashi.
Dated this 26th day of November, 1947. (6226)

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For full particulars please see advertisement to be published on the 1st and 12th December, 1947, in Hindu, Madras Mail, Tai-Nadu, Daily Post, Sentinel, Times of India and Bombay Chronicle.

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Palace Garage,
MYSORE.

AUCTION SALE OF 5 SINGER SEWING MACHINES & 18 CEILING FANS.

Under instructions from the office concerned, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will TODAY THURSDAY, 27th inst. at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at their rooms the above goods.

AUCTION SALE OF BIG LOTS OF GLASS BOTTLES, JARS, FIRE BRICKS, ETC.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver, Bombay, as Receiver in Suit No. 915 of 1946 (Purshottam Mathradas & Co., Ltd., vs. Abdul Gafur and others), M/s. BENNETT & CO., will on WEDNESDAY, 3rd December, 1947, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction in the Compound of Agrawal Glass Factory, opp. Goregaon Station: big lots of bottles of various kinds small glasses, Jars, fire bricks, etc. Terms: 25% Cash Deposit. On view from 1st.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT THE JUNCTION OF KUMBHARWADA ROAD AND 2ND DUNCAN CROSS LANE.

Under instructions from M/s. Matubhai Jamietram & Madan, Attorneys for the mortgagees M/s. Mahomed Ahmed Moloobhoy, Sultan Ahmed Moloobhoy and Sheriff Mahomed Moloobhoy, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Shahajadidevi, wife of Shamshanker Jaimangal Upadhya and pursuant to the Power of Sale given in the Deed of mortgage dated 26-4-45, M/s. BENNETT & CO. will on TUESDAY 16th December at 4 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction on the premises:—

Freehold land with dwelling house, situate at the junction of Kumbharwada Road, and 2nd Duncan Cross Lane, about 278 sq. yards, Municipal St. No. 43-47-53 to 63 and bounded on the East by sweepers' passage, on the West by Kumbharwada Road, on the North by Duncan Road, 2nd Cross Lane and on the South by the property of Mr. Narayan.

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